

Los Alisos Middle School
 Shared Decision Making Council
 October 5, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Mrs. Hallstrom, Sarah Yarbrough, Ana Avila, Fernando De Luna, Charles LaMantia, Denise Renay Lopez, Mrs. Gabriela Maxwell (substitute for Maricella Payan), Calleen Tokashiki

Guests: Rafael Avila (student)

Called to order: Meeting called to order by Sarah Yarbrough at 3:35pm in the library

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 16 were approved

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up / Action	Responsible party
Agenda	<p>Mrs. Tokashiki asked for a review of Tech Committee to be added to the old business section of the agenda. Reviewed SDMC norms Reviewed five finger consensus and focus of student achievement.</p> <p>Additions approved by consensus Agenda for 10/5/09 approved by consensus</p>	Discussion only	Sarah Yarbrough
ASB Update	<p>ASB will be having a Blackout Dance on 10/15. This dance will replace the Halloween Dance. ASB is also helping PTSA by holding this dance. PTSA members will get into the dance for free, otherwise it costs \$5.00 to get into the dance, which pays for PTSA membership. ASB is also working on Spirit Days. The top four Spirit Days are Nerd Day, Black and White Day, Homeroom Color Day, and Sports Day (no jerseys). Mrs. Tokashiki asked if she could have the notes of the ASB meetings. Mrs. Hallstrom suggested that Ms. Goodner could give teachers the notes of the meetings. Fernando De Luna stated that Ms. Goodner has them on her computer and could print them out for the teachers. They can bring this up at the cabinet meeting, which is held on Tuesday.</p>	Discussion only	Fernando De Luna Charles LaMantia
Budget Expenditures	On October 1, Mrs. Hallstrom with other teachers from Los Alisos attended a great meeting on ELAP and Title I funds and expenditures. The	Mrs. Hallstrom	Mrs. Hallstrom

Update	<p>meeting explained the data for Title I. Title I targets more than 40% of students on free or reduced lunch. The first year a school is Title I a particular group of students is targeted. The school site determines which group is targeted. The meetings explained the necessity of having target goals for the particular target group in the School Plan. The money for Title I is flexible. The strand for Non-capital equipment was explained as equipment that is \$500 or more. After a discussion \$5,100 was moved from 1130 Teacher Sub (decreasing this strand to \$10,000) to 1140 Teachers' Salary-OT ExDuty (increasing this strand to \$10,100). This change was approved by consensus. Mrs. Maxwell asked if a color printer could be bought. Mrs. Hallstrom stated that it might be bought out of other funds. 10% of the Title I funds must be kept in reserve at all times. There is flexibility in the Categorical Funds which are \$70,465. This was a PE and Arts Grant.</p> <p>Mrs. Hallstrom stated that consultant, Dr. Fox, who presented the data was very good and she would like to bring him to Los Alisos to train teachers on leadership. He costs \$2000 to give a session. A motion was made to have Dr. Fox come to Los Alisos on October 26. Motion approved by consensus.</p> <p>ELAP had \$33,000 carried over from last year. Added to the \$20,000 from this year gives a total of \$53,000 for ELAP students and staff. Currently there is \$4000 for teacher substitutes, \$5000 for materials, \$6,500 for non-capital equipment, \$4000 for a consultant. If there is need to move money at a later date, this can be done. A motion was made by Mrs. Hallstrom to transfer \$3000 from materials/supply to conferences. Approved by consensus.</p>		
ELD Conference	<p>Motion made to move ELD conference after Budget Expenditures due to Mrs. Maxwell needing to leave. Approved by consensus.</p> <p>Mrs. Maxwell presented a request for funding a conference of \$150 a person. The conference uses data on ELD students and targets students who have been ELs for more than five years. Motion was made to approve conference. Approved by consensus.</p>	Discussion only	Mrs. Maxwell
Literacy Initiative	<p>Jennifer Richter is the literacy coach and is at Los Alisos 4 days a week. Our API went up 20 points. The API was met in all areas except socioeconomic. 43% of the 6th graders, 46% of 7th graders, and 36% of 8th graders at or above proficiency in Language Arts. In Math, 33% of 6th</p>	Discussion only	Mrs. Hallstrom

	<p>graders, 51% of 7th graders, and 35% of 8th graders at or above proficiency. We are now a Title 1 school and need to meet the AYP.</p>		
English Language Learner Progress	More focus needs to be put in this area. We need to identify and target specific areas for growth.	Discussion only	Mrs. Hallstrom
Tech Committee	The committee was unable to meet over the summer. Mrs. Hallstrom stated that there is a Tech Committee forming at the district office. She has suggested that Mrs. Tokashiki be part of this committee.	Discussion only	Mrs. Tokashiki
SDMC Elections	In order for SDMC to have elections a committee needs to be put together. The committee must have one teacher, one parent, and one student. The following people were nominated Mrs. Sarah Yarbrough (teacher), Mrs. Ana Avila (parent), and Fernando De Luna (student). Each accepted the nomination to be on the election committee.	Discussion only	Mrs. Yarbrough
Parent/Community Involvement in SDMC	Mrs. Yarbrough asked for suggestions to get more parent/community involvement in SDMC. Mrs. Hallstrom stated that she will post flyers for parents about the meetings.	Discussion only	Mrs. Yarbrough
Dates of future SDMC elections	SDMC will meet the third Thursday of every month. When this Thursday falls during vacation, it will be moved to the second Thursday of the month.	Discussion only	Mrs. Yarbrough
Date and Time of Next Meeting	Next SDMC meeting will start at 3:30 in November 19, 2009	Discussion only	

Mrs. Hallstrom translated throughout the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:51pm as there was no further business to discuss

Minutes prepared by Sarah Yarbrough