

CENTRAL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC)
OCTOBER 3, 2023

Meeting Date: October 3, 2023

Meeting Location: Cub Hub (Library)

Time: 2:45 p.m.

I. Introductory Procedure

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Principal Shani Dahl at 2:45pm.

2. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with seven members in attendance. Present were: Kristen Cortés, Spencer Graham, Kriss Kruckenberg, and Sandra Plancarte, teachers; Francisco Mariscal, other school staff; Edward Bustamante, Ashley Walker, parents; Mason Gonzales and Miguel Tapia, students; and Shani Dahl, principal. Also present was McKenzie Kelly, Assistant Principal.

3. Welcome

Mrs. Dahl welcomed all members to the first School Site Council meeting of the 23-24 school year and asked members to introduce themselves.

II. Action Items

4. Approval of SSC Minutes from April 10, 2023

Members were given the opportunity to read the minutes from the April 10, 2023 SSC meeting. Francisco Mariscal motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Shani Dahl and the motion was carried to approve the minutes as read. (9-0-0)

III. Discussion/Information/Training

1. 2023-24 School Site Council Election Summary

Mrs. Dahl provided a summary of the member types that make up a school site council and the results of the 2023-24 elections. Eight parents self-nominated and appeared on the ballot. Our three parent members are: Edward Bustamante, Rachel Porter, and Ashley Walker. All four teacher memberships were open. Ten teachers were nominated and appeared on the ballot. Our four teacher members are: Kristen Cortés, Spencer Graham, Kriss Kruckenberg, and Sandra Plancarte. Our "other personnel" membership was not open due to his term of two years and our "other personnel" is Francisco Mariscal.

2. School Site Council Roles and Responsibilities

Members were trained on the role of School Site Council; Council and individual member responsibilities in regard to a high quality instructional program and the monitoring of and input towards the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA); quorums; composition of Council membership; election procedures; and term limits.

Mrs. Dahl discussed the purpose and role of the School Site Council. She explained that schools are required to form SSCs when they receive categorical funding from the state and federal government. Central receives Title I funding from the federal government based on the

percentage of students that are eligible for the nutrition meal program. California Education Code mandates that schools write a plan to describe how categorical money will be spent and the School Site Council approves decisions about how to spend the money according to the plan.

A small part of monitoring the SPSA includes addressing how school funds should best be spent to meet students' academic needs, but the **primary responsibility** of the SSC is to monitor the effectiveness of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and suggest changes to the plan as necessary. The intent of the SPSA is to create a cycle of continuous improvement of student performance, and to ensure that all students succeed in reaching state academic standards.

Central's School Site Council is made up of the Principal, 4 teachers, 1 other site staff, 3 parents, and 3 students. The elected roles on the School Site Council include:

- Chairperson who convenes and leads meetings of the Council
- Vice Chairperson who presides in the absence of the Chairperson.
- Secretary who records events and actions taken at Council meetings

3. Review School Site Council Bylaws

Central's SSC bylaws were distributed and reviewed. Mrs. Dahl explained that the bylaws are not compliant with education code and she provided parents with revisions and amendments to the bylaws that would bring them into compliance.

Article II (Membership) was reviewed and the following amendments were suggested: These revisions include correcting the number of members from 16 to 12, correcting the number of classroom teachers and other site staff from 7 to 5; and correcting the number of parents from 4 to 3. All members of Council elected for the 2023-24 school year will serve **one year**.

Central's bylaws state that meetings will occur monthly - no less than 7 monthly meetings. All meeting agendas offer a public hearing session. Additional items within the bylaws were discussed: establishment of a quorum, meeting minutes, transfer of membership, posting of meetings, and meeting packets.

4. Review of CAASPP Results

Mrs. Dahl provided a brief overview of the 2023 CAASPP results. She explained that Central is still recovering from the learning loss experienced during the COVID pandemic. Central saw a 1% decrease in language arts from 2022 to 2023 and a 3% increase in mathematics from 2022 to 2023. Our results were commensurate with other similar schools in RUSD though Central was one of just a few RUSD middle schools that saw an increase in math rather than a decrease. We recognize that the results are far from what we can and should expect of ourselves as a school committed to provide students with robust learning experiences.

5. Principal's Report

There was no principal's report this month but Mrs. Dahl asked the members of SSC if they would prefer in-person or virtual meetings this year and the membership agreed to hold in-person meetings this year.

IV. Hearing Session/Public Comments

None.

V. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM