

Albany Middle School
School Site Council
MINUTES
March 20, 2013
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

I. The minutes from the meeting held on 02-27-2012 were approved.

II. School CARE (10 minutes)

Each year, School CARE asks each AUSD School to prioritize their needs, survey their communities, and report their findings. The AMS Staff Leadership Team has drafted a first version of the survey. The SSC will reviewed that first version, along with the timeline for the entire process.

- March 11th: AMS Staff Leadership Team will brainstorm priorities.
- March 20th: AMS Site Council to review and refine priorities.
- March 29th-April 12th: Survey OPEN to community.
- April 12th: Principal report to SchoolCARE summarizing the results of the survey.
- April 24th: SchoolCARE Board Meeting to make final decisions on what to fund
- May: SchoolCARE presents to AUSD School Board

The SSC made the following suggestions for change to the survey:

- Research rough cost estimates and add those to each item.
- Make a clear statement for each item that describes whether the item is a current program or not a current program.
- Separate the two different counselor items. (One is the currently funded 50% FTE, the other is the additional 3rd counselor.)
- slightly modify the language that describes noontime supervision and activities. Change “...in a variety of ways, whether it be in sports, clubs, or games” to “...and supervised in a variety of activities.”

III. Reports from Academic Departments on Measuring Student Achievement (15 minutes)

The SSC Members reviewed the reports from each department about how they will measure achievement.

It was noted that in all math courses, the current measure would be based on “an overall percentage of correct answers.” This format of measuring achievement is aligned with current instructional and assessment practices based on CA State Math Standards. This format will change as we move towards the National Common Core Standards in which we’ll measure more than correct final answers.

It was noted that in Science and in English, the departments chose measures of achievement that can be measured over a three-year span. Science will focus on a student’s ability to conduct an experiment. ELA will focus on a student’s ability to write a personal narrative. In each case, achievement can be measured as growth over time from one set of expectations to another.

These measures will become part of our Single Plan for Student Achievement.

IV. Reports from Academic Intervention Courses (15 minutes)

This item was tabled and rescheduled for our next meeting. We have several intervention courses at AMS. Summary reports from some of these courses will be provided. These reports will show progress made so far in student achievement.

IV. 2013-2014 Master Schedule proposal (5 minutes)

The Principal announced that based on feedback and research, a recommendation would be made to the Superintendent cancel ZERO period. SSC Members advised that we communicate well and schedule thoughtfully.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, QUESTIONS, REQUESTS (10 minutes)

It was noted that we have only two SSC meetings remaining on our calendar (May 1st and May 15th.) However, a completes S.P.S.A. is due to the AUSD District Office no later than May 1st. Therefore, Mr. Parent will complete the writing of the SPSA no later than the end of Spring Break, send it to SSC members for their review, and likely schedule a special meeting at the end of April. More information coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT