

**School Site Council Meeting
Somis Elementary School Library
January 12, 2018
3:30 p.m.
Minutes**

Call to Order 3:35pm by Paul Chaput

Roll Call

√	Blanca Alvarado, Parent (EL)	√	Blayke Drummond, Parent	√	Maria Gonzalez, Classified
√	Richard Acosta, Teacher	√	Kim McDonald, Teacher	√	Dr. Colleen Robertson, Superintendent
√	Paul Chaput, Parent	√	Sandra Canchola, Teacher	√	Anna Garcia, Parent (DELAC)
	Brian Helm, Parent				

Adoption of the Agenda:

No changes having been suggested, Paul made a motion to accept the agenda, Kim seconded the motion and the council accepted the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes:

No changes having been suggested, Paul made a motion to accept the agenda, Blayke seconded the motion and the council accepted the minutes by unanimous voice vote.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion/Action:

We welcome new council members Kim McDonald (20th year at Somis) and Richard Acosta (1st year at Somis). The council needs to select a president, as Allison Brinkman’s term has ended.

Celebration – VC STEM Awards: Dr. Robertson proudly displayed the two “Golden Gear” awards received by the after school program and the STEAM day program and noted that Somis was the only district in the county to have received awards in both areas. Awards were presented at the Oxnard College performing arts center; special guest Assembly member Jacqui Irwin opened the ceremony.

Some thoughts on STEAM discussed at the meeting: seek more involvement of the upper grade levels, perhaps in creating some of the activities (subject to approval), acting as mentors, etc.

LCAP Goals: Dr. Robertson noted that the goals had not changed (increased student achievement, increase parent engagement and participation, increase student engagement in the school environment) and solicited examples from the council.

Examples: Kim talked about interdependency drawing students in, when they (students) rely on one another, they have more accountability/reason to be present every day. Dr. Robertson said she would like to see more club-like activities, but is aware of time challenges, dues to bus schedules for example.

CAASPP Testing Results: Dr. Robertson reviewed English Learner, English Language Arts and Mathematics results from standardized testing. The small population size (153 of 155 students) cautions against trying to read too much into the results, as one or two outlier scores can skew the scoring.

Discussion: Richard and Kim shared how in Math, teachers can review data from report cards to find areas of weakness that can be used to stress specific topic areas for the next/future class years.

Support of English Language Learners: s, Sandra has joined the EL Network Meetings held/sponsored by the VCOE (Ventura County Office of Education). Sandra also noted the CELDT (CA English Language Development Test) tool was no longer used and that a new program ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for CA, a modified version of CELDT) would be used going forward (some

students will be retested by the end of May) and that students would be testing in the morning, not in the afternoon.

PFO Successes: Blayke cited the very successful Harvest Fest, which raised \$13,000. Maria and Blayke mentioned PFO and room parents, Blayke reported a new coordinator (Lori Bean) had come aboard, and gave the council a heads-up of upcoming PFO activities (Red Ribbon Week and Jog-a-Thon).

Upcoming Events/Odds and Ends: Dr. Robertson noted Luther from the skydiving club had made two \$2,500 donations to Somis. Council members kidded that one may have been out of guilt over a skydiver taking down a power line ☺. The new Somis web site is up. Topics for the next council meeting were solicited, suggestions can be emailed to Dr. Robertson. There is a school board meeting next Tuesday January 16th, council members are welcome to attend and share.

Board Presentations: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 3:30pm.

Adjournment: at 4:50pm Richard made a motion to adjourn; Sandra seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.