

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING
EMERY PARK
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeremy Infranca (Principal), Linh Ly (Instructional Specialist), Nanette Thompson (Special Projects Asst.), Thomas Quintana (Parent-Guest), Ignacio Mata (Parent), Christine Carter-Duong (Teacher), Cassandra Rivera (Health Office Staff), Dr. Gloria Fernandez (Teacher), Jocelyn Groseth (Teacher) - Quorum met

ABSENT: Amy Keller (Parent), Robert Solis (Parent),
Joni Wong (Assistant Principal), Yolanda Siegmeth (Parent), Olivia Estrada (Parent)

CALL TO ORDER: Linh Ly called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/23/18 meeting. Parent Mr. Mata called to question the minutes, for example the proposed Parent Workshops that were discussed or the member expirations. It was pointed out that member expirations were on page 4 of the minutes and Parent Workshops were on page 5 of the minutes. Cassandra Rivera then called for a motion to approve the minutes and Parent Mr. Mata seconded. Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Jeremy Infranca

We want to welcome Linh Ly, our new Instructional Specialist. We know this group will work to support you. Welcome!

Last meeting we had a rich discussion about Powerful Choices and voted to approve the expenditure to bring the company to Emery Park. They have been on campus for 2 demonstration labs so far and both have been widely successful. Teachers were happy with the work that was provided. It reminded us that providing development for the teachers is important to continue to support. I want to thank this group again for supporting this initiative. We have one more training with K-2 next week and Powerful Choices will be coming back on our development days as well. Thank you again, this will be extremely beneficial to the kids.

PARENT COMMITTEE REPORTS: Projects Assistant N. Thompson stated that unfortunately the parent to parent workshops are on hold for now. There is not enough support for this initiative at this time. Hopefully it can be revisited in the future.

S.S.C. ELECTIONS:

I.S. Ly stated that we will be having elections for new SSC members as we have the following member expirations:

Parent - Olivia Estrada (October)
Parent - Yolanda Siegmeth (October)
Parent - Robert Solis (December)
Classified Staff - Cassandra Rivera (January)
Teacher Dr. Gloria Fernandez (October)

Nomination forms went out this week and ballots will go out next week.

TECHNOLOGY:

Mr. Mata mentioned taking a survey of the technology needs of the staff. I.S Ly stated that we have put together a sample survey to determine what the staff might need. As of now we have 5 Chromebook carts and 2 computer labs, as well as an outdated iPad cart. There was discussion about getting another cart of iPad. We want to survey the teachers on this issue.

I.S. Ly ran the group through the survey questions.

Parent Mata: Have students taken assessments in the computer lab? Are the computers really old right now? Desktops seem to be outdated.

I.S. Ly - Our computer labs are supplied through the district. The district is focused on moving in the direction of using smaller devices such as Chromebooks, etc. for testing and possibly eliminating the labs. We also have the touchscreen Chromebooks that can function like a laptop. We have one touchscreen cart at this site.

Principal Infranca - I would like to possibly see one of our two computer labs go and have a cart instead. We are running out of space and we will need another classroom. What is the life of a desktop, usually 4-5 years?

I.S. Ly - We will find out the shelf life of the desktops.

Teacher Groseth - However, from a teacher standpoints, the lab slots are coveted and it is not just used for testing. If you take away a computer lab and replace it with a cart that may not help the need. We need to be careful with the balances. It is not just assessment, we use the lab to support instruction. Keep that in mind.

I.S. Ly - If each grade level got a cart to share would that solve the problems?

Teacher Groseth - Not really, because we have MDD classes across grade levels to consider. We have access to technology based on what is available.

It was recommended by the group to keep the question about what devices are being used, but add an additional question asking for explanation why. For example: "Do you prefer using the cart or the computer lab"

Teacher Groseth - I like the lab better since the platforms we use are all different.

Teacher Carter-Duong - I use the chrome cart and the lab for writing and it seems to be fine. I prefer having the carts in the room because it saves time getting the kids to and from the lab and signing on and off.

Parent Mata: Are the writer's workshops done in the lab or in the room?

Teacher Carter-Duong: They are done in the classrooms with the students present. But when a piece is published, approximately every three weeks, it is finished and printed in the lab.

Parent Mata: Maybe we should add a question about frequency of the lab?

Dr. Gloria Fernandez: I feel that the cart is easier and there is flexibility between teachers.

I.S. Ly: The previous meeting minutes mentioned comment about getting new iPads, why is this a need right now?

Teacher Dr. Fernandez: The iPad cart is out of warranty, but it is used by intervention and robotics.

Parent Quintana: How many iPads on the cart, 30 or 40? The minutes reflect 30.

I.S. Ly: We will confirm this information

Parent Quintana: Can iPad mini's be used/ordered instead of iPads?

I.S. Ly: That is a good question, we will look in to that.

Parent Quintana: If the cart of 40 iPads that is not up to date, how will they be re-used within the school. Could a special needs class use them?

Principal Infranca: The old iPad cart will still be housed on campus, so special education use is a good possibility.

Teacher Groseth: Our technology is partially funded through special ed and partially through the school. We would love to have more technology.

Parent Mata: Does the school write grants or approach chamber of commerce?

Principal Infranca: I have not heard of that for site specific needs, but that is something to look in to. We need to get a better understanding of what technology is needed first.

SBAC DATA FINDINGS IN ELA

I.S. Ly - Last Friday we met with Dr. Reynolds and Lynn Wilson from the district and reviewed the data. Here are the significant findings:

I.S. Ly took the group through the data sheet provided.

Looking at the breakdown we went back to our school plan and asked if we met our goals. Our goal for reading was 2 percent, but we were at 1.57%, which is very close. We also continued to talk about next steps. Looking at the writing and listening results, one of our priorities is to get our Hispanic and SED groups focusing on listening. How can we use title 1 money to improve the academic program?

I.S. Ly took the group through the goals provided in the handout.

Principal Infranca discussed that Emery Park continues to fight the battle of attrition in testing. We have fewer students meeting standards. In our case, every kid matters. We are figuring out the kids that need help and we are coming up with strategIES. We have our Gateway to Success Counselor John Chae offering to have mentoring strategies so students know we care. It is not just about the test, we want healthy relationships. We want to have a whole student approach. The good news is our growth has been constant throughout our last three years.

I.S. Ly - When we looked at the actual numbers of the data for the 1.92% of hispanic students that did not meet the standards, that actually equals just 2 students, so it is very close.

Principal Infranca stated that we want to keep digging in and increasing our numbers. We have a Math focus walk in early October. We will look at our math instruction and how we can improve it as a school.

Principal Infranca asked to return to the discussion of Powerful Choices to hear from Teacher Carter-Duong and Teacher Dr. Fernandez.

Teacher Carter-Duong - I loved it. It was very clear as far as the approach as well as how the process was broken down. It simplified the planning process and showed how to effectively use the online resources.

Teacher Dr. Fernandez - The presenter was excellent and I learned some valuable strategies.

Principal Infranca stated thank you again to S.S.C. for voting yes to this initiative at the last meeting.

ROUNDTABLE:

No questions or comments at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

I.S. Ly adjourned the meeting at 7:58 a.m.