

Wonderland Avenue Elementary & Gifted Magnet Center
School Site Council Minutes

Meeting Minutes of: 2/21/07 Start Time: 3:10 Location: Rm. 14
Meeting Chairperson: Zachary Earl Meeting Secretary: Valerie Flugge

Members Not in Attendance: Susan Smith, Lia Gregg
Guests: Joan Douglas (teacher)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Minutes of 2/7/07 approved by email vote
- IV. FOCUS ON INSTRUCTION

Finish Approving Bylaws. Article VI Section C (quorum) was discussed. At the previous meeting, there was a discussion about how to try to strive for consensus without slowing down the ability of the Council to make decisions. There was a discussion about setting up a special committee to explore the goals of decision-making by consensus. A motion was made by Ms. Danna to approve Article VI with the revisions agreed upon at the previous special meeting. Mr. Rosner seconded. The motion passed. 10 ayes. 0 nays. Dr. Greene abstained.

Article VII Sections A and B were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Rosner to approve Article VII as drafted. Ms. Jagger seconded. The motion passed. 10 ayes. 0 nays. Dr. Greene abstained.

Article VIII was discussed. Dr. Greene noted that the bylaws once approved would need to be submitted to LAUSD for comment. A motion was made by Ms. Danna to approve Article VIII. Mr. Rosner seconded. The motion passed. 12 ayes. 0 nays. (At this point, Ms. Lachman and Ms. Moreno had joined the meeting.) Dr. Greene abstained.

The Bylaws as revised were approved by this Council.

Establish committees, assign liaisons, decide on any immediate goals.

The Vice-Chair will be responsible for coordinating the committee liaisons. Volunteers for the various committees were solicited. There was a discussion about the roles of the liaisons, and what would happen if people do not volunteer. The following people volunteered to be committee liaisons:

Ms. Epstein: Curriculum and Instruction;

Mr. Rosner: Budget;
Ms. Wasson: Personnel;
Mr. Earl: Safety/Emergency/Facilities;
Ms. Douglas: English Learner Advisory;
Ms. Bradshaw: Professional Development and Adult Learning;
Ms. Danna: Library;
Mr. Earl: Technology

The following liaisons were selected for the following school committees/organizations:

Ms. Bradshaw: Faculty
Ms. Moreno: Friends of Wonderland
Ms. Danna: PTA

The following individuals volunteered (or are designated) to serve on the indicated committees:

Curriculum and Instruction: Ms. Bradshaw, Dr. Greene, Ms. Epstein, Ms. Moreno
Budget: Ms. Flugge, Ms. Danna, Mr. Rosner, Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Earl, Dr. Greene, Ms. Epstein
Personnel: Ms. Danna, Ms. Wasson, Ms. Raphael, Dr. Greene, Ms. Epstein
Safety/Engineering/Facilities: Mr. Rosner, Mr. Fields, Ms. Jagger, Mr. Earl, Dr. Greene
English Learner Advisory: Ms. Douglas, Dr. Greene, Ms. Epstein
Professional Development and Adult Learning: Ms. Bradshaw, Ms. Wasson, Dr. Greene, Ms. Epstein
Library: Ms. Flugge, Ms. Danna, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Jagger, Dr. Greene
Technology: Ms. Lachman, Mr. Earl, Dr. Greene

There was a discussion about what can be done next year to increase parent interest in the various committees. One opportunity would be the PTA welcome tea.

Ms. Crockett will circulate a list of members who expressed an interest in the various committees. Everyone was encouraged to have a committee meeting before the next Council meeting.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES & INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Principal's Report. Dr. Greene circulated materials regarding the Prescribed Periodic Assessments that reflected children performing below benchmark. Dr. Greene discussed the background of Open Court. We use teacher

judgment to assess whether we need to use the Open Court materials. Dr. Greene questioned whether we should have a standardized spelling program, which we would need to buy. Dr. Greene emphasized that we need to follow the trends of our children's performance and use that to evaluate how to help our lower achievers improve their performance.

Chairperson's Report. Nothing to report.

Committee Reports. Mr. Rosner discussed the budget proposal process. The teachers do a prioritized list of their needs, and any stakeholder may bring a proposal forward. The budget committee evaluates and prioritizes those proposals and prepares a budget based on that information. The budget is taken to the Council, the faculty, Friends of Wonderland and the PTA for comment. Mr. Rosner will circulate a sample of a budget proposal form.

Ms. Wasson stated that we do not have any faculty openings right now. Grade level choice is a matter of contract.

Ms. Douglas reported on the monthly meetings of ELAC. The ELAC members are very supportive of the school. The next meeting is tomorrow night. Ms. Bradshaw urged Ms. Douglas to emphasize to the ELAC parents that we need them to attend Council meetings.

Ms. Epstein reported that there has not been an effective Professional Development Committee yet this year. Ms. Epstein asked for teacher volunteers earlier this week. Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Snyder, Ms. McLeod and Ms. Wasson volunteered. Ms. Wasson stated that she believed the reason Adult Learning was combined with Professional Development was so that adults at the school can work together to find time and resources for coaching and mentoring of teachers. Several of the teachers expressed a desire for more time for teacher collaboration.

Ms. Douglas reported that June 1st was the date for the library opening. We are about \$18,000 away from where we wanted to be for library funding. Dr. Greene stated that we are getting significant money for the library from LAUSD.

Mr. Rosner raised a question of whether this Council had to approve fundraising to be held on campus. This issue was put on unfinished business for discussion at the next meeting.

A motion was made and passed to extend the meeting by ten minutes.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Beautification Day. Ms. Danna reported that she was contacted to see whether we wanted beautification of the school to be one of the Big Sunday events. We have until next Thursday to identify the projects that we want to address. Mr. Fields said that one of the problems was that a number of families are committed to other Big Sunday events. Dr. Greene pointed out that we get matching funds based on the number of volunteer hours, and we may want to encourage Wonderland volunteers for Beautification Day. Ms. Danna moved to have Beautification Day on March 17, which will not be affiliated with Big Sunday. Ms. Bradshaw seconded the motion. The motion passed. 12 ayes. 1 nay.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/CONCERNS

Set up Committee to discuss consensus. It was agreed that the discussion of the committee to discuss consensus would be taken up at the next meeting.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Closing Time: 5:10

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Flugge, Secretary