

SJCS School Board
July 25, 2013
Minutes

Attendees: Emily Murphy, Cathy Hess, Lehua Lee, Diane McClintock, Soraya Navarez and Steve Thomason

The meeting started with introductions around the table.

Emily Murphy: Principal's Report

- Upcoming Expenses:
 - Possible new roof
 - Common Core – Will need new books
 - Technology – Moving to computer testing. Possible computer upgrades
- Loss in Tuition:
 - Because of the decrease in enrollment, will need to cut back on some things. There will be a temporary cut in the Spanish program, but it possibly might come back next year
- Seven Positions have been eliminated. The Librarian position will be filled by parent volunteers
- Library Fundraiser: The money (\$54,000) that was raised last year for the library should now be used either for the library/technology. An idea that was presented was iPads for Education. We currently have 20 iPads already. We would like to get enough iPads for an entire classroom(34). We will need to apply for grants to try to get these. Need to find an experienced volunteer to help write and apply.
- Technology Position: Possibly use the salary money for the technology then hire a technology person next year
- Facilities: We need to add a maintenance person on staff for planned maintenance
- Overall, we need to get the Diocesan Report before we can decide on anything to the facility

Group Discussion: Planning

- Academic Standing:
 - Math and Language Arts needed more instructional minutes, especially in the lower grades- Addressed by Emily
 - Would like to create a data team to research all aspects of math teaching, assessments, data cycles, and the possibility of increasing instructional minutes
- Improving Morale: One of the first things that need to be dealt with is improving morale. An idea was brought up of having the older students become tutor buddies with students in the lower grades. This would create community and help morale. There would be no charge and maybe 30 minutes twice a week would be a good way to begin
- Positive Culture: PTG should get involved at the beginning of school by maybe having a structured activity every day for the first week of school. Also, Emily will ask the Student Council for ideas
- There will be a new banner in the front of school

What would we like to accomplish by August 30? An update of the School's website would be a great help. Emily will do this. Possibly at the New Parent Meeting, the PTG might want to come in and explain the sign-up process that is done on the first day of school at Coffee Chat. We also need to create our Strategic Plan for the upcoming year starting in September.

The School Board Officers for the upcoming year are: President: Soraya, Vice President: Lehua, Finance: Diane, Facilities: Steve, Secretary: Cathy. We will still need persons for PR/Development/Marketing and Catholic Identity.

We decided that our meetings will be on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. but not sure if they will be the first or second week. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hess