

Santa Rita HS Site Council 2010-2011 for Feb 15, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Administrator	Chris Bonn
Certified	Emil Lamanda, Tammy Case, Brande Kitzberger, Mike Acevedo
Classified	Joni Lee, Don Blackman
Parents	Yvette Smith, Butch Kennedy, Don Mattus
Community	Delfina Cruz
Students	Vanessa Pablo
Guest of SC	
Apologies	Rachel Romero (parent) , Gerardo Fuentes (Stu-Co), Jordan Salvo (Stu-Co - injured-sports)

Date: Jan 11, 2011
Location: SRHS Library
 Call to order by Emil Lamanda at 6:05 pm

Recorder: Emil Lamanda

- Handouts:**
- 1) Agenda
 - 2) Minutes 1/11/11
 - 3) Biographic Info – Rodney Gaines, Jennifer Homes
 - 4) Legislative Report – Jan 2011

Adjourned: 910 pm

Agenda Item 1 | Approval of Minutes; Meeting on 1-11-11| Emil Lamanda

- Discussion:**
- 1) Page 1 Item 1 – Last name Alcon, not Accleon
 - 2) Page 2 Item 2 – Omitted and to be added to the minutes – Tammy Case completed her letter to the Board supporting the name changes to the baseball field and new gym
 - 3) Page 3 – Item 4 – Correct Spelling errors:
 - * interim-principal, not interm
 - * Dr. Dorland, not Dr. Dorlain
 - * Dr. Macklin, not Dr. Maclin
 - 4) Page 4 – Item 6, 5 bullet: Misspelling: Desani, not Desania

Decisions: Motion to accept minutes as corrected – motion by Butch Kennedy; Second by Brande Kitzberger
 Motion passes

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New Business

Agenda Item 5 | Student Council / Vanessa Pablo

Discussion: • Request to move Public Policy report before Principals Report

Decisions: Chris Bonn motions to rearrange the agenda accordingly; Butch Kennedy 2nds; Approval unanimously

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Agenda Item 6 | Public Policy| Brande Kitzberger

Discussion:

- See Handout
- Cuts to education =\$100 million (TUSD is 5% of budget)
- Time to contact governor and state legislator representatives "soon and often"
- Government assumes that "all is OK" unless voices are heard otherwise
- Handout has 13 way to take action
- Email seems to be more effective than phone calls, and hand written letters are deemed best.
- Chris Bonn recognizes and praises B Kitzberger for her work, info, and energy in this part of the meeting

Decisions: Informational only

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Agenda Item 7 | Student Council| Vanessa Pablo

Discussion:

- Hosted Winter Formal – 75 to 150 attended; Very successful
- Currently fundraising for Prom (Apr 30) at Peter Piper Pizza and from Cold Stone Creamery (selling ice cream after school on selected dates)
- Talking with Army to provide breakfast for Seniors (before graduation rehearsal)

Decisions: Informational only

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Agenda Item 7 | Principal's Report | Chris Bonn

Discussion:

- BUDGET
 - March 1 – start the process of RIF (reduction in force)
Principals in TUSD given very little time and very little information on how to proceed. Feedback needed to avoid misinformation. Sensitive issues when dealing with peoples' careers. Respect and professionalism a must
 - Tammy Case – appreciates the care needed for this process; personal experience in the past lead to unwelcomed nastiness from misinformation.
 - 98% of the budget is salaries – people are going to lose their jobs
 - Bonn insists that the final decision needs to rest with him.
 - Info to be presented is sensitive, with names of personnel on budget sheets, and all budget sheets distributed need to be returned at the end of the meeting. Budget sheets are available for perusal upon request at the office.
- PIMA COLLEGE PRESENTATION (PowerPoint)
 - Blended Model
 - ♣ Writing 101
 - Dual Enrollment
 - ♣ SRHS teachers w/ Masters can offer classes to students for TUSD and PCC credit
 - ♣ All CTE instructors can teach Dual Enrollment
 - ♣ 100% of SRHS teens to be enrolled at PCC for next school year (currently have 100 students) Enrolling sophomores and juniors currently, and freshmen in April, and incoming freshmen in August. Able to take assessment tests.
 - ♣ Open to all TUSD student; students to enroll in PPC, Students are responsible for fees and books (Superintendent Dr Pedicone wants to find a way for TUSD students NOT to pay fees)
 - ♣ IGA in place for Dual Enrollment
 - Open Enrollment
 - ♣ PCC doe not benefit from this (no \$) Good for recruitment. \$ benefits SRHS (paying teachers salary)
 - ♣ Glitches to be worked out. Concerns to mingle PCC students on the campus with high school students. Protocols in discussion. Also internet issues between college (unfiltered, by law) and high school (filtered by school policy). We are given the impression that PCC knows how to work this issue "It is an easy fix."
 - ♣ Currently offering night schools at many TUSD locations, but this is not popular with full time students who want to take classes during the day.
 - Pima Classes for HS Credit
 - ♣ Students travel to PCC and take classes

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- SRHS
 - ♣ Enrollment 55% capacity (1130) Empty Classrooms, Declining resources, not enough enrollment to fund wanted classes
- PCC
 - ♣ Increasing enrollment and no space, unpopular night classes, Need for a community library, possible the SRHS library, open 24 hours to community and SRHS students complete with a coffee serving area – a place to gain info and to socialize; and 100 computer stations (basement)
- Logistics
 - ♣ Board Approval
 - ♣ IGA's
 - ♣ Promoting classes
 - ♣ Scheduling
 - ♣ Assist low income students
 - ♣ Professional development
 - ♣ Library
- STATE OF TUSD – as presented to TUSD Board (PowerPoint)
 - Arizona Learns Labels to change from Excelling, High Proficient, Proficient Plus, Proficient, etc to a A B C D F score
 - Persistently low achieving schools (bottom 5% state) can be reorganized in the four following ways
 - ♣ Change school to a charter school
 - ♣ Close school
 - ♣ Turn Around Model
 - Principal fired, All have to reapply for position but no more than 50% to be rehired
 - ♣ Transformational Model
 - Principal fired.
 - All 5% of underperforming schools in TUSD
 - ♣ Palo Verde, Rincon, Howenstine, Project More, and one more (removed from list because it was not a school that student can choose to go – a placement school)
 - ♣ SRHS is a “warning school” because of AIMS math scores.
- BUDGET AT SRHS (continued from page 4)
 - Multipage document handed out
 - Codes explained
 - ♣ 100 = M/O
 - ♣ 270 = JTED
 - ♣ 205, 221 = Spe Ed
 - ♣ 610, 620 = AIA
 - ♣ FTE – Full Time Equivalent
 - Eg- (.2 or 1/5 = 1class)
 - Substitute teacher money for the year was spent in one semester (\$25,000) and could be estimated as a cost of 1 FTE

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- Scenarios (options, not final decisions at this point)
 - 4% cut = loss of two councilors, 1 engineer, 1 monitor, loss of \$8000 extra duty pay, attendance clerk.
 - 5% cut – all of the above and capital budget
 - 6% cut – all of the above and 3 classroom teachers
 - 7% and more -- “I don’t know how to keep the school open”
- Medicaid money asked by the state from Fed may help with cuts
- Class sizes to increase from 27 average now to 35
- DISCUSSION
 - Need data to know how to make cuts
 - Registration info helpful to determine where the cuts will come from
 - More important than ever to find outside sources of income and fundraising
 - School security a major concern
 - Final decision for last years budget was not known until July
 - Need to notify teachers who may be affected so that they can apply to other locations if cuts come in.

Decisions: informational

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Agenda Item 8 | Call to Audience| Emil Lamanda

- Discussion:**
- Jim Ferguson
 - Huge mistake for letting go two counselors. Most important members of the school. Not even to discuss this cut is wrong. He has seen over 800 students thus far (sign in sheet) There are ways to trim FTE and still have councilor(s) at this school. Who will pick up the slack?
 - Mr. Ferguson was urged by several council member to meet with Mr Bonn and to discuss other options
 - Lori McCorkle-Benz
 - Giving support to counselors and will also talk to Mr Bonn about other options
 - Don Mattus
 - Text messaging from counselor(s) during class. Kid getting in trouble for responding to texts
 - Regionals at Sabino HS (Band and Orchestra)
 - Band in Rodeo Parade
 - Emil Lamanda
 - Thespian in AIA One Act Competition in Surprise AZ
 - Butch Kennedy
 - Cheer squad 3rd in state in Prescott meet

Decisions:

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Next Meeting – Mar 14, 2011 (MONDAY) – 6pm- Library
Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Agenda Item 11 | Agenda item for next meeting| Emil Lamanda

- Discussion:**
- Updates (ROTC, Naming Field, JTED)
 - Budget Updates
 - Principals Report
 - Student Council
 - Public Policy Report

Decisions:

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Adjournment: 9:10 pm