

## Lowell School Site Council Meeting

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Tom Chambers, at 3:50 p.m.

**Present:** Ishibashi, Bullard, Chambers, Comer, Darling, Innis, Jensen, Mastel, Melvin, Skinner, Wen, Williams, Winter, D. Wong, Zhou; **Excused:** Abad, Cho, Dickey, Hsieh, Marten, Pollard, Shepard, Yee; **Unexcused:** Adams, Fong, Lin, Prutz, M. Wong

**I. Discuss/approve minutes of September 23, 2013-** Mr. Ishibashi moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Mastel seconded. Meeting minutes were approved.

**II. Public Comment-** None

**III. Committee Reports-** None

### IV. Old Business

**A.Base Level Funding email from downtown-** Mr. Chambers read from a SFUSD email that said the decrease in Base Funding was due to the district increasing the buffer from \$15K to \$50K. It also said that schools had received more than a million dollars in additional funding in spite of the decrease in Base Funding Rate. Given the State funds enrollment growth, and since all big high schools lost \$50K in buffer funds, there must have been many smaller schools who received buffer funds because of lost enrollment. Ms. Melvin was concerned about the lack of hard evidence. Both Ms. Melvin and Mr. Chambers stated that funding decisions are still are not transparent even though that was a goal of WSF.

**B.Proposed Budget Staffing Allocation Changes-** Mr. Chambers explained that a counselor has requested to be .8 thus freeing up .2, and suggested that this money could be used for teachers to reduce class size, with science being previously identified as being overcrowded. Ms. Innis stated that the average 9<sup>th</sup> grade English class has 33 students and that this number needs to be lowered. Mr. Jensen motioned to reduce a counselor to .8 and increase Spring classes by 2 sections. Ms. Mastel seconded. Motion passed.

**C. Allocation of SSC Budget Reserve-** Mr. Ishibashi proposed that the surplus be used for Odyssey online classes. Students use this program to make up graduation credits. During the discussion, Dr. Wu told SSC that the district would cover the cost for the classes. It was then proposed to put the money into tech. Many SSC members stated that putting the money in tech would only be a short-term investment as technology quickly becomes obsolete. Mr. Ishibashi asked where students would want to place the money. Mr. Wen commented how books (district funded and non-district funded) are in poor condition, often resulting in students not using them. Mr. Wen made a motion to put the surplus in Textbooks (4211). Mr. Ishibashi seconded. Motion passed.

**V. New Business-** none

**VI. Adjournment-** Mr. Ishibashi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mastel seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: **November 3<sup>rd</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**