

Lowell School Site Council Meeting
Monday, April 22nd, 2013, 3:46 PM, Room 134

This meeting was called to order at 3:46 by Tom Chambers, Chair.

Present: Ishibashi, Adams, Bullard, Chambers, Darling, Dickey, Fong, Hsieh, Innis, Jensen, Kwok, Marten, Mastel, Melvin, Shepard, Williams, D. Wong, F. Wong, Wu

Excused: Abad

Absent: Aguirre, Ho, Janssen, Lin, Pollard, Ray, M. Wong

I. Discuss/approve minutes for meeting of March 11, 2013 - Mr. Ishibashi moved to accept the March 11th minutes. Mr. Jensen seconded. The motion passed.

II. Public Comment - none

III. Committee Reports - None

IV. Old Business

A. WSF Budget update - Mr. Ishibashi commented that the initial WSF budgets were based upon an estimate of 680 incoming freshmen, but at this time only 620 freshmen have registered. The school will try to accept more transfer students and attract private school students. Mr. Ishibashi also commented that having a waiting list for Lowell is against the school district policy. Currently the budget deficit of over a half million dollars is due to a reduction in funds from AP exams, and a drop in freshman enrollment. The budget for 2013-2014 will include cuts in operation costs instead of staffing. If only 620 freshmen are enrolled in the fall, there may possibly be staffing cuts. SSC will need to approve a revised/updated WSF budget after the 10 day count (September).

B. BSC/SPSA Format Changes and Fall plans - The only copy of the new BSC/SPSA that the SSC has on file is in PDF form. It would be helpful to have a different format. SSC members commented that the measures of success in the BSC are very general. Ms. Peterson drafted the section on the EL program while Ms. Giles revised our approved BSC/SPSA to meet the new format. SSC will get another chance to revise in September when we approve the final BSC/SPSA. Mr. Ishibashi commented that the key of BSC/SPSA is to keep SSC members involved.

V. New Business

A. Proposed Fall Meeting Schedule – The proposed dates for SSC meetings at the beginning of the fall semester are Aug 26, Sept 9, and Sept 23. Mr. Chambers commented that SSC needs to approve the final BSC/SPSA and budget in the fall. Also, new parents from the election results will attend SSC meetings on Sept 23rd. Ms. Wong motioned to accept proposed the meeting schedule and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed.

B. Debrief for year - Joanne Fong commented that next year there will be three sophomore/junior representative members in SSC. A total of six student members is needed. Mr. Ishibashi commented that it was a rocky year and is thankful for a group of very understanding SSC members. This year, Lowell was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award, California Distinguished School and California Distinguished Visual & Performing Art School award. Lowell has raised the test scores of low-income students, but these scores might level off in the coming years. Ms. Innis commented that this summer some of the English teachers will have training related to Common Core Standards and will present to the English Department in the fall.

VI. Adjournment (Next Regular Meetings – Aug 26) Ms. Melvin moved to adjourn the meeting. Xiaofan Wu seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.