

**Carpenter Avenue Elementary
Approved SSC/LEARN Minutes
June 11, 2009
Café West**

I. Welcome

- Meeting came to order at 2:37 pm

II. Old Business

- April 15, 2009 meeting minutes presented for approval. Motion to approve by Cindy Abrams; seconded by Mark Johnston; committee voted to approve
- May 21, 2009 meeting minutes presented for approval. Proposed amendment under "Search for new principal" – application date changed to June 9. Motion to approve with correction by Mark Johnston; seconded by Cindy Abrams; committee voted to approve

III. UTLA Update (Ms. Becker)

- New contract vote to be held next week
- Continuation of periodic assessment boycott (boycott entering data in computer)
 - Nazi Kaufman noted this action began in Jan 2009
 - Linda Parth noted that teachers are required to keep paper records (and still administer assessments), but boycott affects district by not allowing LAUSD to compare school to school data, for example
 - Kaufman clarified that students are not affected

IV. Principal Update (Mrs. Parth)

- Budget situation continues to worsen (cited recent letter from Cortines)
- Carpenter has a reduction in custodian hours (reduced by 4 hours)
- Principal search – First candidates to be interviewed with week of June 15
- Parent-Student-School Compact was presented and approved (with proposed change/update of Superintendent. Cindy Abrams motioned to approve; Mark Johnston seconded; approved for distribution for the 2009-2010 school year

V. PTA Update (Mark Johnston)

- Board met and voted on new members
- Seeking newsletter editor for 2009-2010 school year

VI. PFC Update (Cindy Abrams)

- Volunteer breakfast – great turnout with lots of incoming kinder parents in attendance
- Carpenter Shops directory arrives on Monday; distributed on Tuesday (one per family)
- Dinner dance – attendance down slightly from previous year (2008 event was record-breaking)
- PFC is partially funding new coordinator position for 2009-2010 school year
- PFC will be able to fund all existing programs next year
- Teacher luncheon – Headed by Tambi Stollman, went very well, teacher retirees were also recognized

- Annual giving – Question from Erica Fox about whether ask for one child will continue to be \$600 (was raised from \$500 this school year). Cindy Abrams confirmed it would. 40% participation this year and recognition tile painting is in progress

VII. ELAC Report

There was no ELAC committee report

VIII. New Business

- Discipline Policy: Michellene DeBonis raised an issue regarding discipline (that was raised by a parent prior to the meeting). Issue was regarding a “shadow” disciplining other children during recess and lunch. Asked about the policy -- Mrs. Parth suggested that these cases should be handled individually (not in a meeting forum) and parent should bring concern to Sandy Hartshorn
- Drama Program Committee: Dana Romick, Committee Chair, presented committee recommendation to adopt Kimberly Taweel’s proposed drama program, which will begin September 17, 2009
- Sandy Hartshorn Status: Question was raised by Ellen Byron about Sandy’s status for 2009-2010 school year; Mrs. Parth noted she has been assigned to Carpenter 1 day per week

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark Johnston; seconded by Cindy Abrams; approved and adjourned at 3:23 pm.

2008- 2009 SSC/LEARN Council:

Chair: Michellene DeBonis

Vice-Chair: Dana Romick

Secretary: Tonni Ratcliff

PFC Rep: Cindy Abrams

PTA Rep: Mark Johnston

Parliamentarian: Cyndi Menegaz

Parent Reps: Cyndi Menegaz, Dana Romick, Debbie Pisaro, Ross Salinger

Staff Reps: Linda Parth/Sandy Hartshorn (Admin.), Leony Keshishian (Classified Personnel), Betsy Becker/Jill Saletta (UTLA), Christine Colbert/Lynne Alberts (K/1st), Tami Hansen/Joni Finer (2nd/3rd), Melodie Hong/Nazzi Kaufman (4th/5th), Sharon Green/Barbara O’Hara (Special Ed.)

If you would like to have a topic added to the agenda, please forward your request 7 days in advance to Michellene DeBonis at debonis@roadrunner.com or any other SSC/LEARN council member.