

**Carpenter Avenue Elementary  
SSC/LEARN Minutes  
January 10, 2008  
Cafeteria West  
2:30-4:00**

I. Welcome – 10 minutes

- Sign-in sheet and refreshments.
- Meeting came to order at 2:40pm.
- Staff in Attendance: Linda Parth, Betsy Becker, Stacy Frieberg, Suzanne Spector, Nancy Dutcher
- Refreshments for next meeting will be provided by Martha McMahan.

II. Old Business – 15 Minutes

Minutes

- Request made by Cindy Abrams to have minutes distributed prior to meeting. Mark will email minutes in advance from now on.
- Correction to November meeting minutes: 1) Garden benches are owned already and grant funds will be used to purchase other things besides benches. 2) Heidi Brewington gave PFC update, not Dana Romick. Motion to approve minutes, with corrections, was made by Heidi, seconded by Cindy Abrams.

School Website - Jonathon Lee

- Same site address will be used, with different host at cost of app. \$120/year. Domain needs to be transferred.
- Jonathon should be added to Learn email list so minutes can be posted. Prior to each meeting, minutes need to be approved by Mrs. Parth. At the meeting, revisions/corrections to the minutes will be made by the committee. After the meeting, the final approved minutes will be posted on the website.
- Other school information and handbook can be posted on site.
- Teachers can add links to their own sites under Carpenter site, but disclaimers need to be in place.

III. Update by Mrs. Parth – 20 Minutes

- ELAC – Still looking for representative. List of parents of eligible children is being reviewed from results of CELDT.
- Prospective parent tours will take place on 1/17.
- Spanish classes – Mrs. Parth will check with Anderson as well as Walter Reed Middle School to gather additional information about offering Spanish classes at Carpenter.

IV. New Business – 15 Minutes

UTLA - Betsy Becker

- Teachers are still boycotting Tuesday meetings. Paycheck accuracy is improving, but the system is still not perfect.

Grassy Field – Michellene DeBonis/Martha McMahan

- Committee will meet and present information in March.
- Tambi Stollman has a contact that might have used artificial turf available. A meeting will be arranged.

## V. Committee Reports – 30 Minutes

### PTA – Heidi Brewington

- Bookfare raised app. \$12,000, not including credit card purchases. Total will probably be over \$20,000. Spiritwear has earned \$1,900; Adopt-a-book has earned \$140.
- Book exchange is approaching.
- Pennies for Patients takes place next week. Classroom video associated with program will be reviewed by Mrs. Parth.
- Membership is close to 100%. Question raised as to whether “100%” in PTA terms means 100% of total families or students.
- Staples is providing new copier for parent resource room.

### PFC – Dana Romick

- New Kinder dance instructor started.
- Beautification completed in Café West and teacher lounge over winter break.
- School directory to be distributed next week.
- Escrip is ready at Ralphs.
- Dinner Dance – theme is “Revenge of the 80s”
- Holiday performances all went well. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performed at Bloomingdales and were invited to return.
- Sportsman’s Lodge is being pursued as possible replacement for Firefly fundraiser.

### Traffic and Safety – Heidi Brewington

- Issue of traffic citations wrongly issued was discussed. Mrs. Parth working with Lieutenant at LAPD parking. Parents can call theLAPD contact to appeal and video will be reviewed. Mrs. Parth will call Wendy Greuel’s office to clarify parking tickets given to those in carpool lane.

### Reading Garden – Michellene DeBonis

- Garden design was made by Carpenter parent and landscaper, Annie Court. Plant list includes native, drought-resistant plants. Preliminary budget is \$3,000 before anticipated discounts and donations. Benches owned by Carpenter need to be installed. Installation labor will be covered by Rigo and parent volunteers. Annie volunteered to prune and maintain garden.

### Communications – Cindy Abrams

- Options for campus-wide signage/information cases being researched.

## VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dana Romick, seconded by Heidi Brewington

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Next meeting – Thursday, February 21 from 2:30-4:00 in Café West.

### 2007-2008 SSC/LEARN Council:

Chair: Mark Johnston

PFC Rep: Dana Romick/Alison Martin

Vice-Chair: Michellene DeBonis

PTA Rep: Heidi Brewington

Co-Secretaries: Martha McMahon/Tonni Ratcliffe

Parliamentarian: Cindy Abrams

Parent Reps: Cyndi Menegaz, Anne Asche, Debbie Pisaro

Staff Reps: Linda Parth/Sandy Hartshorn (Admin.), Leony Keshishian (Classified Personnel), Betsy Becker/Jill Saletta (UTLA), Suzanne Spector (Kinder), Nick Glover (1<sup>st</sup>), Stacy Frieberg (2<sup>nd</sup>), Judy Jung (3<sup>rd</sup>), Myron Brietstein (4<sup>th</sup>), Nancy Dutcher (5<sup>th</sup>), 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 Mark Johnston at [mjdjzi@earthlink.net](mailto:mjdjzi@earthlink.net) or any other SSC/LEARN council member.