

CARPENTER AVENUE ELEMENTARY
SSC/LEARN Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2009
Cafeteria West
2:40-4:00 pm

I. Welcome

- Meeting came to order at 2:41pm
- Staff in Attendance: Linda Parth, Sandy Hartshorn, Leony Keshishian, Mrs. Finer, Mrs. Colbert, Mrs. Becker.
- Motion to approve November 2008 minutes with corrections by Cindy Abrams, seconded by Mark Johnston.

II. Old Business

- Approved monthly minutes shall be posted on school website. (www.CarpenterAve.org)
- According to the SSC/Learn Bylaws, Co-Secretary Martha McMahon completed her term. Mark Johnston made a motion for Tonni Ratcliff to continue on in the position of Co-Secretary. Mrs. Colbert seconded.

III. UTLA Update (Ms. Becker)

- The Governor/State Legislature has yet to agree on a budget and if necessary, LAUSD will release probationary teachers.
- At present there are 1,690 teachers in the district that fall under probationary status.
- Additionally, some secondary (second year) teachers may also fall under the release due to budgetary constraints.
- Ramon Cortinez has joined the district and become the Superintendent for the next three (3) years to take over for David Brewer, whose contract was bought out by the district. Cortinez was the Superintendent for the district in 2000.

IV. New Business (Mrs. Parth)

- No vandalism has been observed in a month.
- Two (2) restrooms in the first grade wing area of the school are being renovated.
 - o Pipe testing being conducted to make sure the pipes are secure to alleviate any water leakage.
 - o In the first week in February a water test in the restrooms will be conducted in those restrooms.
- District budget update
 - o The entire state of California is in a deep financial crisis.
 - o The state is offering what is known as a 'Golden Handshake' and asking for early retirement of district and school personnel. This agreement would help save the jobs of other teachers, which also includes those in probationary status.
- Greeting Cards
 - o Greeting Card fundraiser, chaired by Martha McMahon, will begin in February. Permission slips to go home explaining the program. This has traditionally been a very successful fundraiser.

V. Committee Reports

PTA – Mark Johnston

- Canned Food drive once again was successful.
- Annual Scholastic Book Fair was another huge success. Funds are still being calculated and are expected to be in the \$15,000 to \$18,000 range.
- Annual Book Exchange will begin in late February.
- Sophia Lee will have another Special Ed Parent lecture on February 26th, in Café West.
- On January 22, 2009, prospective parent tours will be held on campus.

PFC – Cindy Abrams

- After a year's absence, Firefly fundraiser was reinstated and was a major success and well very attended. It is estimated that \$9000 in funds were raised.
- December holiday concerts were well attended and a huge success.
- February 5th and 6th, classes that are in their 12-week rotation of dance will have their dance recital.
- The first Dinner Dance and Auction Meeting will be held in Café West February 23. All meetings from this date until the Dinner Dance (scheduled for May 30th) will take place every Friday in Café West at 8:15am. Any interested parents are welcome to attend those meetings.
- The school received a settlement for \$18,780 from Microsoft. There will be a meeting held with the Technology Committee on how those funds will be allocated and dispersed.
- June 18, 2009 is the 5th Grade Culmination.
- June 19, 2009 will be a minimum day and the annual 5th grade celebration

VI. Open Forum

- No discussion

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mark Johnston, seconded by Cindy Abrams.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Next meeting – Thursday February 19, 2009 from 2:30-4:00 in Café West.

2008-2009 SSC/LEARN Council:

Chair: Michellene DeBonis

Vice-Chair: Dana Romick

PFC Rep: Cindy Abrams

PTA Rep: Mark Johnston

Secretary: Tonni Ratcliff

Parliamentarian: Cyndi Menegaz

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

Staff Reps: Linda Parth/Sandy Hartshorn (Administration), 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.