

**Carpenter Avenue Elementary
SSC/LEARN Minutes
March 19, 2009
Cafeteria West
2:40-4:00**

I. Welcome – 10 minutes

- Meeting came to order at 2:43pm.
- Staff in Attendance: Linda Parth, Leony Keshishian, Betsy Becker, Tami Hansen, and Christine Colbert.
- Motion to approve February meeting minutes with spelling corrections by Mark Johnston, seconded by Christine Colbert.

II. Old Business – 5 Minutes

- None to discuss.

III. UTLA – 10 Minutes (Ms. Becker)

- 3 teachers at Carpenter received pink slips
- Superintendent Al Cortines stated these were “precautionary”.
- A seniority date of August 5, 2005 and later was used as the date to determine who would receive pink slips
- Strike authorization vote cancelled by UTLA

IV. Principal Update – 20 Minutes (Mrs. Parth)

District Budget

- District is looking to possibly cut AEPIS (Mrs. Hartshorn currently holds this position)
- Administrators in those positions are guaranteed teaching positions
- Until budget is set, classroom matrix cannot be created for next year
- 42/22 School Improvement Library Fund has been cut - Cortines is looking for a way somehow to reinstate that funding

School Garden Update

- Mary Kuser and Oona Hansen, kindergarten parents, have received the green light to use the \$3000 (to be spent at Lowe’s) to build garden beds along with the help of our plant manager Rigo
- April 4, 2009 they will begin preparing the beds – parents are encouraged to volunteer
- The district is offering free plastic garden raised beds
- There will be a mural painted “We are growing @ Carpenter”

Food Services Visit

- First meeting was held with Head Chef. The Director and area food Supervisor were in attendance.
- Questions were raised on the packaging of lunches and how “green” it really is.
- Carpenter is a trial site and machines are being recalibrated to ensure usage of all empty slots on lunch trays and packaging.
- A pilot program for recycling packaging is also being discussed.

Computers for Media Lab

- 11 New computers were delivered to the media lab
- The computers are currently being outfitted with updated operating systems and programs
- 7 more computers coming from art program funds

Greeting Card Fundraiser

- Greeting Card fundraiser, chaired by Martha McMahon. Greeting cards order due by April 3rd however can be ordered all year round via online through the company site.
- Our school was selected to participate in a retail program where certain Carpenter student’s cards were selected to be sold at Whole Foods. Carpenter will receive \$0.30 for every card sold.

V. New Business – 5 Minutes

- There will be a meeting to discuss district and budget concerns Monday March 23, at Riverside Elementary being hosted by Tamar Galatzan
- For parents who choose to attend, Mrs. Parth suggests questions should be pre-written on note cards in advance of the meeting (should parent have questions)
- Mrs. Parth strongly encouraged parents to attend

VI. Committee Reports – 20 minutes

PTA (Mark Johnston)

- Book drive was another huge success. This year it was extended due to initial lower numbers but numbers increased the following week.
- 2,500 books were donated to El Dorado Elementary school.
- Parent Education on "Raising Boys" was attended and received well.
- We are currently in the middle of Pennies of Patients.
- Spelling Bee is the 30th, April 1st and 2nd.

PFC (Cindy Abrams)

- Dinner Dance is in full swing and the theme of the event is "I Love The Nightlife"
- Annual Giving Campaign is up in numbers we are currently at \$160,000 however lower in participation numbers.
- Community Sponsorship Tea is March 20, 2009 8:30 am in the library then tour of the campus and presentation in auditorium with 3rd, 4th and the grade chorus to perform.
- Carney's fundraiser is March 27th –29th.
- Kinder Coffee to be held April 14, 2009 8:15 am in Café West.

ELAC

- No report

VII. Open Forum

- ELAC meeting was held today March 19, 2009 with Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Parth.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dana Romick seconded by Mark Johnston.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm

Next meeting – Thursday April 16, 2009 from 2:30-4:00 in Café West.

2008- 2009 SSC/LEARN Council:

Chair: Michellene DeBonis

PFC Rep: Cindy Abrams

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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.