

**Carpenter Avenue Elementary  
SSC/LEARN Minutes  
May 21, 2009  
Cafeteria West / 2:40-4:30**

I. Welcome

- Meeting came to order at 2:35 pm

II. Old Business

- Minutes from April 16 meeting were presented for approval. Mark Johnson motioned postponing approval of meeting minutes until next meeting; Cindy Abrams seconded

III. UTLA Update (Ms. Becker)

- Proposed walk out on May 15<sup>th</sup> was cancelled; 39 teachers were arrested downtown. Carpenter teachers picketed before school that day
- Results from May special election were not favorable – and will likely have further impact on the budget for next year
- Statewide cuts may include furlow, 7 fewer days of school, etc. – these measures are still being decided

IV. Principal Update (Mrs. Parth)

**New Position: Problem-Solving Data Coordinator**

- New position approved for 2009/10 school year
- A literary specialist from Local District 3, Kendra Moore, was hired for the position
- Her duties will include intervention for under-achieving students; gathering, interpreting, and presenting data (test scores, Open Court, quarterly math scores, etc.), professional development; some of the AP duties (which include IEPs, standardized testing, meeting district compliance)

**Search for New Principal**

- We have asked for and been given the opportunity to participate in the search for/selection of our new principal. A committee composed of 3 parents, 3 teachers, our current principal, office manager, and the local district director will be involved in the selection process
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for applications to be submitted; interviewing will begin after application deadline and committee's "paper screening" of applicants
- June 30<sup>th</sup>: Target date to hire principal. If not accomplished by then, will "fly" the position again and start the process over. But that kicks us into July when everyone is on vacation.

Note: There were questions regarding the transition: Mrs. Parth is willing to cross-train/help transition if that is desired by the new hire.

**After-School Programs**

Drama

- There was a discussion about our after school drama program and desire to be more process-oriented than production-driven. We want it to be safe and engaging all

kids, regardless of what part they play in the production, such as lead, behind-the-scenes, extras, etc. For the 2009/2010 school year, the committee discussed 4 possible drama programs:

Drama Sue: Existing program was cut out of those being considered, because of the compromised safety and production-driven mission;

Picadilly Productions: from Wilbur Elementary, presented by another parent;

Show Boat: From Adat Ariel, presented by parent Sandy Murrah; and

Carpenter Musical Theater Workshop: From Carpenter's Music Specialist, Kimberly Taweel and parent Arminae Reames

- A committee was formed to discuss and evaluate each program and will report back to SSC/Learn at the June meeting to make a recommendation

### **Other After School Programs**

- STAR and YMCA programs will not change in the fall
- Coach Marty Rackham may offer after-school sports starting in the fall per Cindy Abrams. More details to follow

### V. PTA Update (Mark Johnston)

- Teacher appreciation week went well

### VI. PFC Update (Cindy Abrams)

- Dinner dance RSVPs are down, but we are still expecting 500 people
- Studio City Residents Association membership is only \$25 to join but Carpenter gets a donation from each new membership. Forms are in the office, online; please join.

### VII. New Business

#### **School Calendar**

- School starts Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>
- A calendar committee has been formed to lock in dates
- Reverse minimum day was discussed, but it was suggested that it occur on a Friday instead of a Wednesday in the fall

### VIII. Meeting Adjourned (4:00 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>), Melodie Hong/Nazzi Kaufman (4<sup>th</sup>/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 Michellene DeBonis at [debonis@roadrunner.com](mailto:debonis@roadrunner.com) or any other SSC/LEARN council member.