

Sky Mountain Charter School Meeting Minutes

SMCS parent council Meeting 3/11/08

1.Call to order

2.Pledge of allegiance

3.Introductions/Welcome/Roll call

Introductions were made for Sarah Coyan, who is the Sky Mountain parent support and parent council secretary. Introductions were made for Susie Clark, who is the Operations Coordinator for IEM and the District Liaison to Lucerne Valley USD. Susie was really happy to be here and was sorry she missed the last meeting. She stated she is very pleased with how things are going at Sky Mountain and gave her congratulations for that. Shana Fisk is the Director of Instructional Services for SMCS and she chaired today's 1:30-2:30 meeting.

Attendees: Shana Fisk, Susie Clark, Patti Larriva, Sarah Coyan, Sandra Baca, Candice Blanco, Shawna Ginocchio, Carrie Seydel, Jackie Galvan, Will Jacobus, Elizabeth Gath, Jodi Jimenez, Juan Avila, Corinne Jagt

4.Hearing of the public

Members of the public may be heard on any item. A person addressing the Council will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Site Administrator grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Council.

There were no comments made

5.Discussion Items

A. Graduation subcommittee report

Shawna Ginocchio reported on this. The high school graduation for all Sky Mountain graduates will be held at 4:00pm on May 31, 2008 at Red Hill Park in Rancho Cucamonga. This is a lovely park and great for photos. The location was demographically the most central location for all SMCS and it is beautiful. There will be a potluck and Jean Jamieson is providing a balloon arch. The ES's will be attending and presenting the diplomas, along with some words to the graduates. Information has been sent out regarding the purchase of a cap and gown for the ceremony or for keepsake.

Shana Fisk mentioned that next year we will see about possibly having an 8th grade graduation.

B.GEA Subcommittee report

Elizabeth Gath reported on this. There are 53 students signed up to attend the Legoland GEA on April 11th. A thank you to Elizabeth who set up a group discount rate for the parents and siblings attending. The subcommittee is currently working on getting a GEA set up for the California Science Center and that is in the works for May. They are also working on getting vendors approved and possible GEA's for next year. If you have any suggestions please email Elizabeth Gath or scoyan@ieminc.org.

C.STAR Subcommittee report

Jodi Jimenez reported on this. We currently have 8 test sites and have been sending out letters for

water and snack donations. The Test sites are as follows...

Santa Monica with 32 students testing, 1 parent volunteer , 125 bottles of water and a \$50.00 donation.

Burbank with 79 students testing, 4 parent volunteers, 1 Trader Joes donation of \$75.00 and a donation of water and snacks from a Sky Mountain family.

Granada Hills with 41 students testing, 1 parent volunteer, and 1 donation of a case of water.

Redlands with 80 students testing, 1 donation of snacks and water, no volunteer help yet... we need volunteers and help in this area please.

Long Beach with 47 students testing, a Vons store in Long Beach donating a \$20.00 gift card, another Vons store donating a \$25.00 gift card, and a family donation of snacks and water, and 1 parent volunteer.

Lake Arrowhead Corrine is working on this site and we do not have the numbers yet.

Irvine & Hesperia We currently have 0 volunteers and 0 donations, we need volunteers and help in this area please.

We will still be following up with a lot more stores for donations. We need volunteers for the testing sites in the Redlands area, please contact Jodie Jimenez if you can help out or email scoyan@ieminc.org.

D. Upcoming Parent Council elections in May

14 members to serve 1 year and 5 members to serve 2 years. Please let your ES know if you are a 1 year member but would be interested in serving for next year so that you can be on the ballot. We will email a list out of the 1 year and 2 year candidates.

6. Action Items

A. To approve SMCS Parent Involvement Policy

B. To approve SMCS Suspension and Expulsion Policy

Due to these policies not being included in the packet that was mailed out to the council these will be done with an online vote or special parent council meeting via teleconference and will need to be approved prior to the fall. The policies will be mailed out for review before the follow up.

C. To approve SMCS Independent Study Policy

The Independent Study Policy was 100% approved and will be posted online with the approved policies.

7. Adjourn

A thank you from Shana Fisk for all the contributions and work, also for being on the council and getting through this pilot year with us. We see great things for next year. You can email scoyan@ieminc.org to follow up with subcommittee involvement.