

Ohlone Site Council
Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Meeting

Committee members in attendance:

Jonake Bose, Bill Overton, Melanie Chang, Christine Wachs, Hannah Miller, Jane Dick, John Green

Chair Jonake Bose called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Committee members introduced themselves, then Jonake reviewed the agenda.

Committee briefly reviewed the purpose of the Site Council:

1. To approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA);
2. To provide oversight of the use of State Funds provided to this site;
3. To review/approve the School Safety Plan.

(Contrary to what some community members believe, the Site Council does not oversee physical facilities/building issues.)

Jonake reviewed a few administrative items including: the importance of meeting attendance, the requirements of both meeting agenda and meeting minutes, the possibility of inviting Ohlone's designated Board of Education member (Dana Tom) to strategic meetings, and the possibility of smaller working committees. Committee members agreed to rotate minute-taking duty, Jonake instructed everyone to review the Site Council area of the Ohlone website (<http://www.ohloneweb.com/sitecouncil.html>) and make content suggestions.

Principal Bill Overton reported on the following topics:

1. Ohlone Site Council State Funds are approximately \$37,000 this year. Site funds have historically paid for various staff.
2. Enrollment at Ohlone this year is at 583 (largest elementary in the district), and next year's enrollment will be over 600. Ohlone has gotten some additional "large school" funding from the District.
3. Ohlone continues to focus on providing opportunities for students who need additional help. Referral-based after-school intervention programs are in place again this year to assist those in need.
4. For the last several years, PAUSD Elementary Principals have collaborated on an annual presentation to the Board of Education, rather than each individual site giving a SPSA presentation.
5. Completion of the new building is tentatively expected at the end of October. Bill is hoping for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in early November followed by several days when students and parents can walk through, prior to a 3-stage classroom move starting Veterans' Day. (All dates are still tentative.) Safety and disaster plans for the new building are being developed (in collaboration with district officials and the fire department) for inclusion in the School Safety Plan, which the Site Council will review.

The Committee brainstormed objectives for the year. After discussion about making the SPSA a meaningful, working document that truly reflects and informs what we do at Ohlone, Melanie Chang moved that the Site Council fully integrate the Ohlone Core Values, Goals of an Ohlone Education, 41 Developmental Assets, and Emotional Intelligence Competencies into the SPSA and to consider running an All School Climate survey in the spring. Motion was seconded and approved. It was decided that the November 8, 2011 meeting would be used to review the SPSA contents to start this process, after which committee members will be assigned to subcommittees to focus on each framework to be incorporated (Core Values, Goals, Assets, and Competencies).

Bill mentioned that we will be hosting a dinner or dessert for Board of Education members and PAUSD cabinet-level staff, to acquaint them with our school and school community.

Jonake reported on topics from a recent Parent Leadership Team meeting:

1. The leaders of the various Ohlone committees (Site Council, Core Values Committee, PTA, Farm Council) will draft clearer explanations of the roles of each committee at Ohlone.
2. A discussion group entitled "Parenting and the Ohlone Way" will have an initial meeting on Wednesday, November 9. Bill will present on the Core Values, Goals, and Assets/Competencies to kickoff the discussion.
3. All Ohlone committees are mindful of working towards more inclusion of members of our Mandarin Immersion program.
4. Core Values Committee (CVC) is working on creating a calendar incorporating student artwork and the Core Values & Goals.

Jonake adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.