



## SSC MINUTES – SUPPLEMENT

The following are supplemental Minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting of the School Site Council of Hillcrest Elementary School.

4a. Approval of Minutes. Revised draft Minutes from the February 26, 2009 meeting were circulated and additional revisions made. On motion by Darcy and second by John, the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

4b. Family Engagement for Student Learning Rubric. Beverly summarized responses from members of the SSC regarding the level of achievement at Hillcrest for this rubric. All concurred that Hillcrest had achieved the Sustaining Stage. On motion by Ken and second by Mark, the SSC approved Beverly's conclusion that Hillcrest is at the Sustaining Stage and inclusion of the Family Engagement for Student Learning Rubric with Hillcrest's Single Plan for Student Achievement for 2008-9.

4c. Long Range Planning Committee Update; Options Update. Darcy updated the SSC on the activities and intentions of the LRPC. The LRPC plans to re-run the attrition survey for current Hillcrest families to get a better idea of probable attendance for next year in grades above K. Jody London summarized enrollment at the other "hills" schools, where all the schools are experiencing increased enrollment from local families. She said typically there has been a high percentage of no-shows at Chabot, but that this year could be different. OUSD is proceeding ahead with expansion plans at Montclair to increase eventual capacity from 330 students to 480. OUSD hopes to have some interim portables on site available for the start of the Fall 2009 school year. Completion of the expansion project will probably take a couple of years.

4d. State and OUSD Budget Update. Beverly introduced a chart she prepared entitled "Funding Allocations – Draft School Plan 2009-10" (copy attached) where she listed all of the non-General Purpose and non-PTA funds which she now expects/hopes to receive for the next school year, based upon conservative budget numbers given to her recently by OUSD. She explained each source of funding and where she hopes to spend it. Since her general purpose funds are not sufficient to cover all of her teacher/support staffing needs, she needs to use other non-general purpose funds to cover various programs at Hillcrest. The attached chart shows her current plans on how she will cover shortfalls for teacher/staff needs with the balance potentially being available for materials and supplies. In some cases, PTA donations will/may cover some teacher aides in various split grade classes. Because of the probability of numerous split-grade classes next year due to the over-enrollment at Hillcrest over the last few years, additional funding from the PTA will be needed so that teacher aides can be placed in all combination and large classrooms. The first day of school for next year will start one week later than usual due to Labor Day falling on a date a week later. While OUSD had the option of reducing the length of the school year and to give up on trying to keep class sizes small (where possible) in order to save money, OUSD has elected not to do so. On motion by Eileen and second by John, the draft Funding Allocations – Draft School Plan 2009-10 was unanimously approved for inclusion in the Single Plan for Student Achievement for next year. The final budget will come back to the SSC for review and approval at a later date.

Jody also updated the SSC on current political events relating to the State Budget situation. On Friday, March 13, the California Teachers Association is planning a peaceful protest at Broadway and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets protesting the education budget cuts that may result in thousands of school teachers being laid off. In addition, even with the approval of a State budget, the State has been late in funding local school districts which has lead to cash flow problems. OUSD current has funds to meet needs until this coming June. Thereafter, OUSD will run out of money unless the State provides needed financing on a timely basis. Finally, Jody mentioned that OUSD is currently looking for a permanent Superintendent.

4e. Parent Compact. Beverly introduced a document entitled “Hillcrest School – Parent Compact” (copy available in Beverly’s office files). A couple of minor changes were made to the document. On motion by Mark and second by Ken, the Hillcrest School – Parent Compact was unanimously approved.

4f. Hillcrest School Parental Involvement Policy. Beverly introduced a document entitled “Hillcrest School Parental Involvement Policy” (copy available in Beverly’s office files). This Policy applies to all schools in OUSD because OUSD is a “Title 1” district, even though Hillcrest is not a “Title 1” school. Beverly had made a number of modifications so that the document would be more applicable to the situations occurring at Hillcrest. One minor changes was suggested. On motion by John and second by Darcy, the revised Hillcrest School Parental Involvement Policy was unanimously approved.

4g. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM. The next SSC meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2009 at 7:30 AM.