

Hawthorne High School
School Site Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009

- Meeting called to order at 5:07pm
Members In Attendance: Kwong, Najarro, Jacobo, McDonald, Washington, Cabeza, Rubio
- Jacobo explained to the group that we did not have quorum without Newell. Therefore we could not vote officially on items, but he left items to discuss on the agenda.
- Mr. Jacobo gave the group time to read over the minutes from the last meeting. Ms Rubio brought up a typo on the October 20, 2009 minutes: January 1 SSC meeting date should be changed to January 19, 2010. Mr. Jacobo stated the approval of minutes from the October 20, 2009 meeting will be moved to the next SSC meeting.
- Mr. Jacobo stated that we needed to come to an agreement on bylaws and Mr. Najarro added that SSC should review current School Site Plan in place before reinventing the wheel. Mr. Najarro also mentioned that the plan was prepared the year prior and that we have the very important role of monitoring finances spent on the ideas identified in the School Action Plan.
- Ms. Rubio brought up the following concerns/questions to bring up at the next meeting:
 - Where is the school budget? And what role did parents play in the creation of it if any?
 - Isn't the Parent Center in the School Action Plan as well as workshops and to what extent is this being implemented?
 - Doesn't the School Action Plan and Budget allocate for a full time Parent Center Coordinator? This has not been the case this year.
 - Parent Center claim there was money in a parent center account....
 - Are the SSC meetings we have scheduled through May 18, 2010 enough to accurately serve as an effective SSC?
 - Parents want answers and to help the school.
 - Parents want to be more involved and don't know how.
- Mr. Najarro responded with the following points:
 - Dr. Newell is principal over three Assistant Principals and no one wants to take ownership over the Parent Center. He reminded us that he (Najarro) cannot comment administratively, that Newell is the only one who can give her (Rubio) answers.
 - Reminded us that this is the forum to bring these issues to the table. Is meeting once a month enough time? Does the SSC need to meet more? Before Christmas break? That is something that needs to be decided. Past SSC met more often.
 - Dr. Newell is the only person that can provide these answers.
- Ms. McDonald stated that we need to present these issues to the principal.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

