

**Audubon Elementary School**  
**Local School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Village Tap**

**DISCUSSION:**

Call to Order at 6:15

**Call To Order**

Linda moved to select John as temporary Chairperson, Robin seconded, unanimously approved.

**Vote to Appoint Temporary Secretary**

Linda moved to select Brian, Robin seconded, unanimously approved.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Ellen Ericson, Linda McBride, Brendan Gilboy, Patty Jones, Mark Ferrante, Robin Kain, John Price, Barbara Kantrow,

Absent: Jody Ebstein, Diane Kamil,

**Approval of Agenda**

Linda moved to approve agenda, Barbara seconded, unanimously approved.

**Approval of April and May Minutes**

Ellen moved to approve April and May minutes, Linda seconded, unanimously approved.

**Nominations and Selection of Chairperson**

Brendan nominated Ellen, Linda seconded. Ellen accepted. Unanimously approved.

**Nominations and Selection of Secretary**

Ellen nominated Barbara, Brian seconded. Barbara accepted. Unanimously approved.

**Nominations and Selection of Vice Chair**

Ellen nominated Brendan, Robin seconded. Brendan accepted. Unanimously approved.

Robin volunteered to remain in charge of Teacher Appreciation Week and the LSC Bulletin Board.

**Set Monthly Schedule of Regular LSC Meetings for the Year**

The meetings will be held on the following Mondays at 6:30 in the Community Room of Audubon School: September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 12, May 17 and June 7.

### **Accept Rules of Order**

A discussion was held whether to reinstate the 3 minute limit for comment by the public on Agenda items, and to continue to limit “public participation” on new items to 2 minutes. It was agreed that we retain these rules. These rules should be posted at all meetings and Jody will be the LSC member responsible for enforcement of the rules. John will speak to Jody about accepting this new responsibility.

Brendan moved that we accept the Rules of Order for the year, Mark seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **Establish Standing Committees**

The LSC will have three standing committees this year.

1. PPLC (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee) - Teacher LSC Representatives lead this group of up to 7 teachers voted by their peers in August. The members of the committee will advise John regarding curriculum issues, end of year reviews, etc. John wants to refocus this group to also stress teacher leadership skills.

2. Bilingual – This committee is headed by Ms. Gonzalez who is the bilingual coordinator for the school. They will address issues regarding supporting ESL students and parents of ESL students as well as supporting the families of these students by providing educational opportunities. Linda volunteered to act as a liaison to the LSC for this committee.

3. SIPAAA – a new committee will be formed to help prepare this year’s school improvement plan. Ellen and Brendan agreed to co-chair this committee. Linda, Barbara, Brian, and Patty volunteered to be its members. The goals of the committee will be to design the process for input into this year’s plan. For example, they will create parent surveys and focus groups to gain information. The Principal is responsible for actually writing the plan.

A discussion was held whether to create another committee to make decisions regarding differentiation instruction in the school. John stated that these types educational decisions need to be made by the professional staff not parent leaders.

There was further discussion on whether to change up the way the inclusion committee is conducted. John will explore new a direction for this committee, if necessary, in the future.

### **Review of Preliminary ISAT Scores**

John prepared and distributed a report summarizing his preliminary review of ISAT scores. Overall it was very good news on many levels. Science scores went up 18 points. We decreased the number of the students in the lowest performance range while also increasing the number of students in the highest performance range.

John stated that overall growth of scores is more important than simply meeting an “arbitrary” bar. More detailed reports on the ISAT will follow.

### **Update on Extended Day Proposal**

A meeting was held by the committee of parent, teacher and administration representatives regarding this issue. Three potential plans were set forth. The details of what was considered the most viable plan are still being worked out. If the details of this plan can be worked out then the plan will go to the teachers for a vote. More information on this issue will be available at the October LSC meeting.

### **Review Principal Contract Renewal Timeline**

John's contract is up at the end of this school year. LSC members need to do an assessment of John's performance and decide whether to renew his contract as principal. Members will complete an evaluation form and then meet to discuss same in a closed meeting on August 26. Members will vote on whether to renew John's contract at the September meeting.

### **Review of LSC Agenda Outline for 2009-2010**

Ellen prepared and distributed an outline of monthly agenda matters.

### **Principal's Report**

John prepared and distributed his Principal Report. A major development is the elimination of the "Preschool For All" program at the school due to funding cuts. Currently, the school is contacting families who had signed up for program to see if they are interested in paying \$3800 each for a half day program. So far 20 families have indicated they would like to do so. We will need 40 families to sign up for this program to make it viable.

### **Adjourn**

Brendan moved to adjourn, Barbara seconded. Unanimously approved at 8:10 p.m.