

Lanai School Site Council Minutes

February 10, 2010 Meeting called to order: 2:10

1. The proposed LAUSD calendar for 2010-11 indicates a start date of Sept. 13. Contact our school board member if interested in expressing opinion about a different start date. There will be fewer instructional days due to furlough days. One possibility is having days off at Thanksgiving instead of late start date. Another possibility is getting out earlier in June. It was suggested that maybe a flyer could go out in Backpack News to let parents know that they can give input to LAUSD board members regarding calendar issues.

2. Considering budget cuts for next year, Lauren Campbell inquired about how other schools fare using a health clerk rather than a registered nurse. Gayle Spindler will investigate how a health clerk is used at the elementary school in Calabasas that she works for.

3. School Cleanliness issues

A. Budget cuts have affected the amount of time the plant manager has available to work in each classroom

B. Grade levels have been rotating to help clean up campus

C. Clothing is left around campus. An effort is being made to remind kids to collect all of their things each day before they leave. We have a huge amount of clothes in the lost and found. Some parents have moved the clothes so they are not in the rain and have been trying to organize the lost and found.

D. Would like teachers to revisit the impact of wiping down rooms with antibacterial wipes and Swiffers during flu season. Would like to know if they see a correlation with attendance still. It was suggested that teachers can use parent volunteers to help them clean/sanitize room before or after school. Mrs. Kent agreed to ask teachers at the next staff meeting if attendance numbers have been improved after the measures were taken to clean rooms, drinking fountains etc.

4. There was an article in the NY Times that suggests having playtime first before eating at lunchtime. The article states that this helped improve children's health and behavior in an Arizona school district. Lanai would have to look at scheduling to see if this is a possibility. Some issues include cafeteria staff times and proper supervision. Lisa Liss will investigate the options. Mrs. Kent will ask teachers at next staff meeting if they have an opinion concerning reversing the order in which students eat and play at the lunch break.

5. Salad Bar-Jennifer Goosenberg said that it had been reported that the salad bar could be shut down due to low numbers of students using the salad bar. After further investigation with the cafeteria staff, she found out that the Salad Bar days actually had the highest number of students buying lunch. The numbers in general have been lower recently possibly due to cold weather or quality of satellite lunches. Jennifer will be calling Javier Gutierrez to follow up on the issue. It was suggested that if they were really considering cutting out the Salad Bar, maybe the salad bar could be subsidized.

6. Traffic and Safety report- Lisa Liss mailed a petition, signed by Lanai parents requesting more traffic enforcement, to 13 different agencies. Pictures and descriptions of traffic safety violators were in the Lanai leader this month.

7. Candygrams were not made available for parents to purchase. This has been an issue with kids who do not get candy grams. Jennifer would like this to be brought up to Student Council as they had previously reported that the grams would be made available to parents. Also, Portola students have started a candy fundraiser. Some students had been seen selling candy on campus. Kids have been seen going into the staff lounge without adult supervision after school and purchasing candy from the vending machine. Parents and students might need a reminder that the staff lounge is off limits to parents and students. Should it be locked after school?

8. UTLA report: There is a rally on March 4

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. Minutes submitted by Gayle Spindler