

Lanai Road School Site Council
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010

Meeting called to order at 2:05

1. Budget: Mrs. Melvin reviewed categorical funds for 2009/2010. The SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement) 2010/2011 Budget, Assurances, and Justifications for expenses and a SPSA update were also reviewed and can be downloaded at <http://fsep.lausd.net>. Some highlights are as follows:

- a. One hour per day of Library aide time was added to support the Accelerated Reader program.
- b. A class size reduction teacher was added to support upper grade students in math and primary students in language arts. For next year, an additional half-time position will be added to support the 4th and 5th graders.
- c. Workbook materials were purchased to support English language learners who take the CELDT test. The highest number of students passed the CELDT test and transitioned to English.
- d. Parent Center director Eve Hill supports all parents, coordinates parent programs, coordinates ELAC activities, and supports school needs
- e. A small amount of money is budgeted for ELAC events and supplies.
- f. An ELD coordinator is given a small stipend for out of classroom time to support EL students, and assess and evaluate the program.

2. Vocabulary/Spelling: Lanai is investigating a new spelling program. Third grade teachers piloted the program and had a favorable response. They liked that it was aligned with the Open Court program.

3. Planning for the future: Lanai's next step is looking for a focus. Having a science or arts focus is a possibility. The students would still learn all of the subjects, but may integrate language arts, math, and culminating activities into an area of focus.

4. Gifted Programs: A question was raised regarding money budgeted for students who are gifted. Programs, such as Accelerated Reader and IXL math, as well as core literature books and vocabulary programs to enrich the language experience benefit all levels of students. There is also a small amount of money budgeted for GATE materials, conferences, and a stipend for the GATE coordinator.

5. UTLA report: 800 teachers who received pink slips will not be laid off. An additional several hundred may be rescinded.

6. The Literacy Fair is coming up in June. Every student will be making a book. There will be a school-wide teddy bear picnic and events at Barnes and Noble.

7. The proposed Arts program, run by Traci Mariano, has received positive feedback from the teachers. They want to be sure it is kept in line with their curriculum.

8. Businesses, such as the after-school Basketball program and Cookies sold at the Hut, which are run by Lanai parents will no longer be allowed on campus due to possible conflict of interest.

Future agenda item:

Awards Assemblies-look at why and how we do it now, and if it needs changes; possibly connect to Character Counts themes

Meeting adjourned at 2:55

Minutes submitted by Gayle Spindler