

SSC Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2009

Meeting called to order at 3:07 pm.

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. District Websites:**

Mr. Lowry demonstrated how to navigate the LAUSD.net website to access helpful instructional resources for parents and teachers. Mr. Lowry gave two examples of how instructional resources may be accessed. Using the directions below, one may access a maps program (Maps 101) that helps students use and understand grids, coordinates and other map reading skills. One may also access a facts program (Facts on File) that is like an encyclopedia, is useful for research projects, and can be tailored to a specific grade level:

- a. Go to LAUSD.net
- b. Click on the "Resources" tab at the top of the computer screen
- c. Click on the "Instructional Resources" tab
- d. Go to "Digital Library" and select an option (in the two examples Mr. Lowry demonstrated he chose "Maps 101" and "Facts on File.")

Mr. Lowry emphasized that these resources are good for teaching critical thinking skills as well as providing information relevant to the school curriculum. He also mentioned that state standards are available on the site.

On the home page of LAUSD.net are listings for LAUSD offices including local districts. Lanai is in Local District 1.

It was suggested at the SSC meeting that a link to the instructional resources page of the LAUSD.net website be placed on the Lanai website ([www.lanairoad.org](http://www.lanairoad.org)).

**2. Lower Performing Student Achievement:**

Mrs. Melvin announced that intervention classes will begin on February 25<sup>th</sup>. They will last 3 weeks for Kindergarteners and 8 weeks for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Within 1 to 2 weeks, parents will be notified if participation in intervention classes is recommended for their child. All attempts are made to reduce any stigma to participating in intervention.

Intervention will offer small group learning opportunities for the students. Attendance has been a problem in the past, so attendance at intervention classes will be reflected on the students' report cards.

A suggestion was made to give parents the option, on the notification letter that is sent home, to have the child's teacher discuss with the child the recommendation for intervention, in order to encourage the child's cooperation.

### **3. Council of Councils Report**

Suzie Kane, Lanai's parent representative to the Council of Councils shared her notes from the December meeting. A copy of her notes is attached and incorporated by reference. Mrs. Melvin explained that a compromise to the teacher layoffs being proposed as a response to the impending state budget cuts is for a 25:1 student/teacher ratio across all grades (K-5). Mrs. Melvin explained that absent this compromise, class sizes could soar to 32:1 in the lower grades and 36:1 in the upper grades.

Suzie reported that the suggestion of local district leaders is for parents to call their legislators and demand that a compromise be reached in order to pass the State budget, including the 25:1 class size proposal.

Mrs. Kent, Lanai's UTLA representative, mentioned that all parents, teachers and other supporters are urged to join a rally being held downtown on January 29 responding to the proposed budget cuts.

Suzie Kane also reported that a rally will be held at the Capitol in Sacramento over Spring Break over the same proposed budget cuts.

### **4. Healthy Lunch Coloring Sheets**

Jennifer Goosenberg proposed that the Café LA healthy lunch coloring sheets currently available to students in the school office be distributed to the entire students body, and that completed entries be posted (with tape or a similar non-permanent substance) on the wall in the upper grade lunch pavilion for the students to view as they line up for lunch in the cafeteria. Mrs. Kent moved for a vote on the proposal and, with a quorum of the SSC board present, the proposal was approved unanimously.

### **5. Turf Replacement**

This agenda item was postponed until next month's meeting due to the inability of Todd Schwartz, the parent who is proposing the replacement of the grass patch on the upper yard with artificial turf, to attend today's meeting.

### **6. School Report Card**

This agenda item was postponed until next month's meeting in favor of ending the meeting at 4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.