

Los Alamitos High School

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

October 5, 2009

Dr. Litfin opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. by welcoming all returning members and guests present to the first meeting of the 2009-10 school year. Members, alternates, and guests present: Ashley Actkinson, Liz Blumberg, Piper Brucculeri, Vivian Choi, Kathy Currie, Stacy Eatmon, David Eisenberg, Eddie Emery, Fabiana Frasca, Sarah Fuller, Stacey Haley, Micki Hill, AJ Kaub, Joanne Levy, Barbara Lin, Lorraine Navarro, Deya Slade, Jennifer Stewart, Dr. Gregg Stone, Lisa Vulcano, and secretary Maureen Motsinger.

Dr. Litfin reviewed the main purposes of School Site Council: 1) to review and approve the School Plan; 2) to approve the spending of any allocations from state and federal funding; 3) to disseminate information and answer questions. The following parents were elected as new community members: Fabiana Frasca, Stacey Haley, and Deya Slade. Lorraine Navarro and Micki Hill will serve as alternates. Members present nominated and approved Sarah Fuller to serve as chairperson.

Dr. Litfin reported School Site Council oversees the following categorical budgets: 1) GATE; 2) 10th Grade Counseling; 3) School Library Improvement Block Grant and a couple of smaller State and Federal categorical funds. Balances and examples of expenditures for each budget were also reviewed. Dr. Litfin reported technology funds from Measure K were divided equally per pupil and distributed to schools. Technology purchases for LAHS have included ceiling projectors / sound system / computers / Smart Boards / DVD's.

One member questioned the percent of students receiving Free and Reduced lunches. Dr. Stone replied last year it was 7% of the entire student population. Dr. Litfin will research and report back at the next School Site meeting. Dr. Litfin also reported that School Site Council is an advisory group to voice issues and / or concerns. Members were asked to please email if they would like a particular item placed on the agenda.

Dr. Stone reviewed the Spring 2009 Assessment Data. CST scores reviewed included Algebra, Geometry, Math, English, U.S. History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science. The passage rate for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) was 96% in English / Language Arts and 98% in Mathematics. Advanced Placement passage rate (3+) for 2009 was 84%. SAT Reasoning (Critical Reading – Math and Writing Scores) were also reviewed. LAHS Academic Performance Index (API) increased by nineteen points with a score of 870.

One member questioned if there were any concerns that increased class size might affect testing results. Both Dr. Stone and Dr. Litfin were very positive because of the attitude of the Los Alamitos High School teachers who will do everything to prevent that from happening. A discussion ensued of methods to help teachers with their additional workload. It was suggested to have parent volunteers in classrooms and to help with copying. There is one clerical part time position for department copying every day. Dr. Stone also reported student teachers in UC Irvine's program observe the semester before they student teach. Dr. Stone has assigned one observer to Mr. Haygood's class as well for additional support.

Minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

