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Notice of School Site Council (SSC) Meeting

SSC meeting on Wednesday October 8, 2025: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom: <https://psusd-us.zoom.us/j/9026043210?pwd=WTg4OEhmYmtMU1lNWmZmbUdYeUJidz09>

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order- Dr. Grainger
Meeting was called to order by Dr. Grainger at 3:01 PM. Quorum was met with 51% of members present.
- Assignment of duties:
 - Record keeper: Ms. Lucero Martinez
 - Meeting facilitator: Dr. Grainger
- Roll call
 - Dr. Michael J Grainger – Principal **Present**
 - Mr. Teddie Rexall-Scott- Teacher **Absent**
 - Mrs. Stacy Brennan- Teacher **Present**
 - Mrs. Chris Kirov- Teacher **Absent**
 - Mrs. Melissa Ferguson- Teacher **Present**
 - Ms. Lucero Martinez- Other staff member **Present**
 - Mr. Benjamin Browning- Parent **Present**
 - Mrs. Michelle Knight- Parent **Absent**
 - Mrs. Lorena Gallagos- Parent **Absent**
 - Ms. Alissa Steinberg- Student **Present**
 - Ms. Sara Browning- Student **Present**
 - Ms. Alejandra Navarette- Student **Present**
- Public comments
 - Any members of the public who are in attendance may address SSC at this time.
No members of the public present.

- **Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)**
Motion to approve minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting was made by Dr. Grainger and seconded by Ms. Ferguson. Motion carried.
 - **Last School Site Council meeting was on May 14, 2025.**
- **Meeting agenda items:**
 - **Introduction of New SSC Members for 2025/26**
Members introduced themselves.
 - **Election of new officers for the 2025/26 school year**
Review of Official Officer Roles
Motion by Lucero to serve as Secretary. Seconded by Stacy Brennan. Motion carried unanimously.
Explanation of Chairperson role requested
Alejandra Navarrete interested in serving as chairperson
Motion by Dr. Grainger for Alejandra Navarrete to serve as Chairperson of school site council. Seconded by Ms. Ferguson. Motion carried unanimously.
Alissa Steinberg showed interest to serve as vice chairperson.
Motion by Ms. Ferguson for Alissa Steinberg to serve as vice chairperson. Seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.
 - **Review/approval of SSC documents**
5 minutes allocated to look over the parent compact and parent involvement policies
Members reviewed the documents and at this time there are no additional questions and/or comments
 - **Parliamentary procedure review and Robert Rules of Order:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfnBGolKmbM>
 - **Parent compact (English and Spanish)**
Sarah Browning mentioned concern on receiving Guided Notes until the end of course
 - **Parent involvement policies (English and Spanish)**
No questions or comments concerning this document
 - **By laws (English and Spanish)**
No questions or comments concerning the by laws
 - **Proposed changes to SPSA for October revise**
 - **Title 1 additional funds: \$23,021**
Title 1 funds can be used for educational technology, professional development, programs
Grainger proposed we provide professional development to DLA staff members
Grainger proposed we use funds to replace teacher laptops and a projector
Question on replacement laptop computers. Only 10 Dell or HP replacement

laptops. Apple would only buy us 4.

Alejandra Navarette mentioned interest in sports at DLA. Grainger clarified title 1 funds cannot be used for that.

Motion by Mr. Scott to approve the funding. Seconded by Mr. Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

- Professional development for DLA staff:
 - Restorative Practices: [Approx \$3000]
 - Depth of Knowledge- Questioning Strategies: [Approx \$3000]
- Instructional technology replacement
 - Replacement laptop computers for DLA teachers [Approx \$15600]
 - Replacement classroom projector for room 302 [Approx \$1800]

▪ **LCFF additional funds: \$5064**

Members approved spending of \$5,064 in LCFF additional funds for field trips and student headphones. No opposition noted.

- Additional field trips
 - McCallum theatre: Language Arts [Approx \$750]
 - Additional field trips (Grades 2-12) [Approx \$4300]
 - Student headphones (All grades): [Approx \$1800]

▪ **Site discretionary funds: \$6429**

Alejandra Navarrete proposes an after-school club to focus on sports Club must be established through ASB. Alejandra will work with Ms. Fabiano to get the club started.

- Student incentives:
 - State testing [Approx \$2000]
 - Reading/Literacy [Approx \$1000]
- Replacement student ID machine, cards and ribbons: [Approx \$2300]
- Lifetouch student photograph contract: [Approx \$1200]
Grainger will reach out to Lifetouch
Mr. Browning will ask his contacts if there can be better pricing via a third party

○ **Review of Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP)**

- Please see attached documents: <https://www.psusd.us/Page/4522>

- **Review of 2025 CAASPP and ELPAC data**

Review of CAASPP and ELPAC data, and the School Site Council Annual Training, were deferred to the November meeting.”

School Site Council Annual Training

- **Member comments**

Members agreed meetings will continue Wednesday's at 3:00 PM

- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM by Dr. Grainger