



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL SSC NOTES
TEACHER ELECTION



2024-2025

RFK New Open World
Academy

School Site Council Orientation and Election

Thursday, August 22nd, 2024 at 7:30 AM, Elementary Library

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ana Sarmiento, Categorical Program Advisor at New Open World Academy at 7:37 am.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Alberto Gonzalez led the Flag Salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Bagorio: Students expressed they felt that they were not part of the decision making process. Students felt they were not part of decision-making, only disseminating information. However, students did not voice this to Sarmiento.

Colin: agreed with Sarmiento. Student absences due to senior activities limited their participation in meetings, however, they did have opportunity to voice their opinions, and they did.

Sarmiento: Encourage students to have the courage to have their voices heard.

Collins: Principal Evaluation: should input be shared with the staff?

Colin: Atilano emailed directing the principal evaluation results not be shared with staff.

Cunningham: It is meant to be a very publicly shared evaluation.

Wayley: Do drills at different times, rather than 1st period.

Sarmiento: Operations matter.

Adame: Questioned when the principal survey will be sent.

ORIENTATION

Ms. Sarmiento gave a recap of the purpose of SSC, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the members and officers. A presentation was made by Ana Sarmiento. The Election Guidelines and Operating Norms were reviewed. Participants were informed that if they choose to become a member, they would be asked to sign and submit Operating Norms. 6 teacher member seats (3-secondary; 3-elementary) and one out of the classroom staff member were filled on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024.

Ms. Sarmiento played the GSC and SSC Introduction and Orientation video

- Meetings after school one Wednesday a month, from 4pm-6pm, format TBD by all elected members of SSC during the first meeting.
- Shared Purview of SSC - budget for Title I, principal updates, collaborate with parents, school compact, SPSA, goals for school, academic program and student performance, student data, curriculum and interventions, safe school plan, attendance
- NOW Academy needs 6 carrying roster teachers for 2024-2025; 3-elementary; 3-secondary and one out of the classroom staff, 4 parents, 4 students

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Time was provided to answer questions from the audience.

Ms. Cunningham, teacher asked: SSC vs GSC, are members from SSC voted into GSC or are they in the GSC automatically?

Mrs. Atilano, principal: Due to the challenge of obtaining members for SSC, members of SSC were automatically part of GSC, although it could be voted on. Atilano explained the difference between SSC & GSC.

Ms. Cunningham: Separate election for GSC? Or are the same members of SSC the GSC members.

Mr. Aquino, counselor: What is the plan around the local school leadership committee? Review the powers of SSC that goes onto the governing board.

Mrs. Atilano: Anything that has to do with school-wide policies has to go through leadership, as well as ETW agreement committee and budget.

NOMINATION OF TEACHERS

The floor was opened for teacher members nominations. The following teachers were nominated:

1. elementary - Mr. Alberto Gonzalez-2nd Grade Teacher
2. elementary - Ms. Elizabeth Cunningham, 4th
3. elementary - Mr. Jose Gaspar, 5th
4. secondary - Ms. Ryoko Matsui, Art
5. secondary- Mr. Sandro Gonzalez, History
6. secondary- Mr. Matthew Wallace, ELA

Ms. Sarmiento asked three times if there were any more nominees then called for a motion to close nominations and accept nominees.

Ms. Chapin made the first motion to close nominations. Mr. Colin seconded the motion.

Because all three positions were filled by candidates, the meeting was closed by acclamation. The acclamation was made by Sara Chapin to accept all three nominees as members of the School Site Council. The acclamation was seconded by Steven Colin.

The following teacher members were elected to be on the School Site Council for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. elementary - Mr. Alberto Gonzalez-2nd Grade Teacher
2. elementary - Ms. Elizabeth Cunningham, 4th
3. elementary - Mr. Jose Gaspar, 5th
4. secondary - Ms. Ryoko Matsui, Art
5. secondary- Mr. Sandro Gonzalez, History
6. secondary- Mr. Matthew Wallace, ELA

The floor was opened for the one out of the classroom staff nomination. The following staff member self nominated.

1. Brenda Lana, Principal

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Mrs. Aceves made the first motion to close the nomination. Ms. Fuentes seconded the motion.

Because the one position was filled by one candidate, the meeting was closed by acclamation. The acclamation was made by Mrs. Aceves accepting the nomination of Brenda Lara as the out of the classroom staff for School Site Council. The acclamation was seconded by Alexis Contreras.

Ms. Brenda Lara was accepted as the out of the classroom staff member by acclamation.

The following out of the classroom staff member was elected to be on the School Site Council for the 2024-2025 school year:

Ms. Brenda Lara

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Nguyen, seconded by Ms. Cobbs Gill. The motion carried. Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 am

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Sarmiento, Categorical Program Advisor, on Thursday, August, 22nd 2024.