



San Diego Unified School District

School Site Council (SSC)

Approved Minutes

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Monday, February 24th, 2025



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For more information about SSC please contact Perla Ramos at pramos@sandi.net

Bell SSC Voting Members 2024-2025			
	Bell Staff: X==Present; E - Excused; A = Alternate		Bell Parents/Community: X=Present E - Excused; A = Alternate
X	Kenneth Lewis, Associate Principal	X	Antonio Martinez - Co-Chair Person (2nd Year) Parent
X	Ryan Redfield, SDEA Certificated		Javina Seaton - (1st Year) Parent
X	Manuel Medina, SDEA Certificated	X	Miyee Alfaro - (1st Year) Parent
X	Christina Aquino, SDEA Certificated		Brittany Yancey - (1st Year Alternate) Parent
X	Manuel Gutierrez, SDEA Certificated		Xiana W. - Student 7th
X	Perla Ramos- Other Staff (Classified)		Jayani H. - Student 6th
	Visitors Present:		Visitors Present:
X	Dr. Precious Jackson-Hubbard, Parent (Morgan H., 8th grade)	X	Walter Fairley, Jr., Interim Principal
X	Patricia Bacame, Bell Community Schools	X	Julie Ann Ganal, Parent (Julian G., 6th grade)

Members Present at this meeting = 8

(7 needed for Quorum)

Quorum met **Yes** or No

Guests Present: 4

SSC Business Covered At This Meeting			
	Title I Parent Involvement Policy, Home School Compact	SPSA:	
	Consolidated Programs Overview		SPSA Goal Review
	SSC Bylaws		SPSA Target Progress
	DAC, ELAC and/or SAC Merger		Modifications to SPSA goals, strategies, funding
	Uniform Complaint Procedures	Budget:	
	Attendance		Funding (District Information) Voting
	Parent Education Opportunities		Modifications to Categorical Funding based on Target Updates
Data Review:		DAC & ELAC:	
	API and/or AYP Data, ATSI and/or CSI Data		ELAC Program Report
	CAASP Data		DAC Report
	Quarterly Target Data Review		Training

Item	Description/Actions	Action Requested of SSC Members/ Notes
1.- Call to Order Virtual Introductions	SSC Principal, Co-Chairperson	Meeting called to order at 4:04pm by Mr. Lewis. Virtual Roll Call Attendance ❖ Chair will call each member's name - member please say hear/present ❖ Visitors please type your name and position in the chat box

2.- Public Comment	Open to the public to make comments for voting members to consider for the purpose of the agenda items to be discussed. Please state full name for the record	NO ACTION REQUIRED Q & A - None
3.- Agenda/ Minutes Review/Approval	Action Item: • Unapproved Minutes from January 27, 2025 • Agenda for today's meeting	VOTING/ACTION REQUIRED Q & A - None Mr. Martinez motioned to approve the Unapproved Minutes from Jan., 27th, 2025. Mr. Redfield seconded the motion. Motion passed with 8 approved, 0 denied, 0 abstained. Mr. Martinez motioned to approve today's Agenda. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with 8 approved, 0 denied, 0 abstained.
4.- Budget Updates 0302 Bell Middle Budget Overview 2.17.2025	Budget Overview Human Resource Officer, Dr. Hubbard	Dr. Hubbard presented updates regarding our budget and what SSC will be voting on once it is released: The budget process was delayed a month this year because the district wanted to see how many people would retire. This impacts our deficit. Therefore, we do not have a final budget yet. So we will not be voting on the budget yet. We have been struggling with our Title I funds because the positions we support with Title I were more expensive than anticipated. We must pay their salary and their benefits (benefit amounts vary depending on what plan employees choose). There are three pockets of Title I money: 1) LCFF - This comes from the state. SSC doesn't vote on this. We are in the negative, but not because of

		mismanagement, but because salaries increased. We are in the negative \$5274.24 2) Title I Basic Program - This is our federal funding. It can be changed or cut at any time based on government decisions. We are in the negative \$7,305.44 in this category. It was greater, but thanks to Community Schools, we were able to cover some of the salaries that would otherwise be paid for by Title I Basic (full-time nurse). 3) Parent Involvement - Not in the negative. We aren't paying for any salaries from this category. We will need to spend this money by the end of April, and it can only be spent on parent-related needs (Coffee with the Principal, stamps to send things home to families, but you cannot use this money to purchase food). Q&A- Mr. Martinez - If the federal government decides to dismantle the Department of Education, do we have a contingency plan? Dr. Hubbard - We currently don't because we don't know exactly what we would need if that were to happen. We would likely experience some losses, but we don't know for sure what we would be dealing with. Because this would affect so many people, district guidance would likely be given as well. Mr. Martinez - Is this fiscal year safe? Dr. Hubbard - I believe so, because I don't think the federal government can take away what they've already given us for the school year. Regarding our Site Budget, each school is given different pockets of money. One of these is the Discretionary Fund. The principal has the power to use this how they choose. Often used on copy machines, portions of our Noon Duty, or Security, etc. This is monitored by the Area Superintendent.
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		On March 3rd, we will learn how much of this money we will get for next year. This is when our budget is scheduled to be released. Other pockets of money given to a school site include the following: LCFF - This is state money. The district will wait for the state to decide how much they will give before determining how much schools will get. This year, a lot of these funds were used for salaries (Nurse, Attendance Clerk, Librarian). EL Tasks - We are given money to support our ELs. Title I Basic Program - Tentative amount for next year is \$299,904. Title I Parent Involvement - We have previously discussed. Once the budget is released, SSC will have to vote on how to use Title I funds. Survey results prioritize a third counselor and a full-time nurse (the district will only give us a nurse about 2 days of the week). Because of how many EL students at our school, Dr. Hubbard recommends using Title I funds to hire an ESL Assistant, which is a classified position. We currently have a certificated teacher in this role, but it would make more sense to hire a classified employee who can perform this job, because it is more affordable at this time. Mr. Fairley and Mr. Lewis agree with this recommendation. It is important to remember that although we can modify the budget once the school year begins, we cannot modify employee salaries. Once we hire someone, that is final for the year. Once the budget is released by the district, Dr. Hubbard will write up a proposal and send it Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fairley to approve. Mr. Fairley - Dr. Hubbard, you are very transparent about how money is spent. The biggest expense is salaries.
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		Mrs. Aquino - When you share numbers about how much money certain positions will cost, does that include the benefits? Dr. Hubbard - Yes, it does. Also, if an employee whose salary is paid for out of Title I is absent or goes on leave, our site must pay for their sub, as well. For certificated and other classified staff, the district pays for their sub, but they don't if the salary is paid for out of Title I. So that is an added expense that we were previously unaware of. That is another reason why we are so far in the red.
5.- DAC Antonio Martinez, Representative Medina Manuel, Alternate	3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm Notice of Meetings January 22, 2025 February 19, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 23, 2025 May 21, 2025 - For a more detailed explanation of DAC https://www.sandiegounified.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=27732478&pageId=31504158	NO ACTION REQUIRED Q & A Mr. Medina - The December DAC meeting discussed how Title I money can and cannot be spent. The bottom line is that Title I funds must be spent to support students and not positions. Dr. Hubbard - Any budget updates may be released to DAC first, so we appreciate you attending those meetings.

6.- Round-Table		Dr. Hubbard - I am trying to pay attention to what is happening at the federal level regarding the Department of Education, because it would only be a matter of time before we start feeling the effects of any changes made. So if you hear anything, please share. Also, remember that on March 3rd is when we will hear about our budget from the district. We may have to call an emergency meeting, possibly the week of March 17th, to discuss our budget. It depends on our deadline to submit our budget, but we will likely have to meet before our regularly scheduled SSC meeting on March 24th.
7.- Meeting Adjourned		Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm by Mr. Lewis

Next SSC Meeting: Monday, March 24th, 2025

Meeting minutes recorded by Christina Aquino, Certificated Staff