Faiss Middle School

School Organizational Team Minutes

May 19, 2025 4:00pm

The Faiss Middle School, SOT meeting was called to order at 4:00pm on May 19, 2025.

Voting Members:

Lacy Sullivan, Parent Kara Nieland, Parent - Secretary Erica Romero, Parent Tori Sadiki, parent Jeff Wells, parent

Shannon McCormack, Teacher - Chair Jessica Beeghly, Teacher - Co-Chair Nichole Gentry, Teacher -online Renaye Barnes, Support Professional

Roger West, Principal **Non-voting Members:**

Zoey Munoz, representative student -absent

Shirley Cunningham, Assistant Principal

Faiss Middle School Administration:

Roger West, Principal Amanda Skrogstad, Assistant Principal Joe Vespo, Assistant Principal

Agenda Items

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

2.0 New Items

- 2.1 Approval of the Minutes. Review and approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve by Jessica and 2nd by Lacy. Minutes approved unanimously.
- 2.2 School Updates. Faiss MS administration will provide updates on recent and upcoming events. Testing all went great. Only 9 students were unable to test making it so that 95% of the students were tested. The science and Cowabunga Canyon field trips were successful. There was a change in how the credit retrieval program works this year and more students finished the process. There were 14 students that tested out of the WIDA program. The end of the year wraps up included performances from the performing arts, awards ceremonies, and the 8th grade dance. The sports spring banquet will be on May 20th to wrap up all the spring sports. Nothing major happening with facilities except LED lights being installed throughout the school with dimmer switches that should save the school money. Schools make changes throughout the school year to make improvements.
- 2.3 School Plan of Operation. Presentation by Faiss staff on the Roadmap for School Success including Discussion and possible vote on the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year. A roadmap to success. Status check for ACT 3. Goal 1 to increase math and ELA test scores. The SBAC scores will not be available until July. The improvement strategies are good but need more training to make them more effective. Goal 2 was changed in 1st quarter to a 2 way communication goal of 80% and by the end of the year made it to 68% from a starting point of 11%. This goal will be continued next year. Goal 3 was to reduce chronic absenteeism to 14% and as of May 19th it was 19.3%. There was great progress towards all the goals set for the school year 2024-2025. The proposed goals for the school year 2025-2026(Act 1). Goal 1 is to increase the Math and ELA scores by 3% from the fall to winter and winter to spring. Each of the goals can be revised at the status check time. Goal 2 is to improve the 2-way communication with families to 80%. This is a continued goal from the previous school year, so the staff already is aware and the percentage of achievement may be higher as this becomes a more standard practice. There is a need to contact the parents of the students that are doing great as well as those that are struggling. Goal 3 is a new one based on an initiative from the Nevada department of education. The goal is to decrease the disparity of discipline among African American students within 10% of total African American population which is currently 22.2%. The department of education will be coming and conducting interviews of staff and students randomly. Motion to approve the goals by Jessica 2nd by Erica and the motion passes.

3.0 General Discussion

- 3.1 Staffing Update. Presentation regarding Faiss MS 2025-2026 Plans. The school is fully staffed with all positions filled and no anticipation of anyone leaving. The total vacancy in the district is now under 400.
- 3.2 Agenda Planning. Discussion on ideas for future agenda items. Going over available data and opening celebrations.

4.0 Information

- Next meeting August 18, 2025 at 4pm Faiss MS library
- 5.0 Public comment period (2 minutes maximum allotted) Café Zupas dine out on May 23 from 4-9pm.
- 6.0 Adjourn Meeting adjourned Motioned by Jessica 2nd by Tori at 5:25PM.