

Solana Vista SSC Meeting

September 11, 2023

In Person: 3:05 pm PT

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 3:09pm

Name	Position	Term	Present	Name	Position	Term	Present
Steve Bessant	Interim Principal		Y	Regina Key	President	Year 2	Y
Shannon Garcia	Elected	Year 2	N		Vice President		
Sarah Chi	Elected	Year 2	N	Brennan Dean	Elected	Year 1	N
Stephani Schroeder	Staff	Year 2	N	Brent Kline	Elected	Year 1	N
Jesse Mitchell	Staff	Year 2	N	Tingting Liu	Elected	Year 1	N
Taylor Lynch	Staff	Year 2	Y	Jenell Strickland	Staff	Year 1	Y
Natasha Moore	Staff	Year 1	Y				
Community Representatives	Position						
Amanda Boerneke	PTA Liaison		Y				
TBD	ELAC						
Marie Turingan-Boily	Foundation		Y				
Kristen Brandley	Foundation		N				

Introductions and Roll Call: Attendance as per the chart above.

Approval of 05/23/23 Minutes: Motion was made by Regina Key to approve the minutes, seconded by Taylor Lynch and approved unanimously.

SV Highlights:

- **Kindergarten:** Working on building community. We are combining 'Hello Week' with a project on how they got their names.
- **1st grade:** Working on building community. Also, planning for this year's field trips to the Helen Woodward Animal Center, Old Town and the Museum of Music (fully sponsored!). There is also a lot of excitement around the Halloween Carnival that is coming up next month.
- **2nd grade:** Working on classroom communities and practicing the Waves Way. We will be starting speeches soon, so getting the students prepared for that. Most classrooms have started buddies already.
- **3rd grade:** We are working on setting expectations, which are higher going into 3rd grade, and it can be an adjustment for students. We are planning our field trips for this year: Rancho Buena Vista, Museum of Making Music, walking field trip to the Lagoon to explore plant life and learn about Native American experience, Virtual field trips with Poway on Stage to see performances and a walking field trip to Skyline to prepare for 4th grade. Also, planning the 3rd grade performance.

- **Specialists:** STREAM/TECH: We have been exploring the CA state parks ports program and for biodiversity day they did a virtual trip to Santa Cruz. Hoping to start a Robotics Club in October. MUSIC: no updates. LIBRARY: We have a large volume of parent volunteers (over 30!), which is great. Students have started checking out books. K/1st leave in their classrooms and 2nd/3rd can take them home. The 3rd grade student council started this week. GARDEN: the garden beds have had running water and drip installed, which is very helpful! The garden is flourishing and we have watermelon, butternut squash, etc. growing.

Principal Update:

- We have 279 students and 13 classes (3-Kinder, 3-1st, 4-2nd and 3-3rd).
- Working on 'Start with Hello' week
- Heading into Hispanic Heritage Month
- Review of the purpose and responsibilities of School Site Council
 - o Governance of the school
 - o Review test data
 - o Approve long & short term goals
 - o Ensure Title 1 compliance and funding allocation
 - o Focused on student success above all
- Working on finalizing the School Plan for School Achievement (SPSA)
 - o SPSA measures the social and emotional well-being of our school, as well as the academic success, using the iReady and CAPS testing
 - o We reviewed the most recent draft of the SPSA plan, which included:
 - Reading and Math percentages for on grade level heading into the school year.
 - Family Climate Survey Data
 - Staff Survey Data
 - Strategies/Activities
 - Expenditures
 - Attendance
 - Attendance has been an issue. Ms Zimmer held over 67 attendance meetings with parents last year (which are prompted when a student misses 11+ days of school). There is no differentiation between excused and unexcused absences.

Steve Bessant made a motion to approve the draft of the school plan, Regina Key seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

SSC positions for 2023-2024:

- President: Regina Key
- Vice President (TBD)
 - o should be 1st year member to watch and transition to president in second year
- Secretary (TBD)

Foundation Update:

- **Foundation Representatives:** Your Foundation representatives this year are Marie Boily, Kristen Brandley, and Kimeya Johansen. Please email us at sv.sitepresident@sbschoolsfoundation.org.
- **Thank you for donating and supporting the Discovery Labs!** Last year, Solana Vista raised about \$137K. We ended the year with a surplus and the school purchased Lego kits for STREAM. There is another \$16K available for the Discovery Labs from last year's surplus.
- **Donate for Discovery Week, September 25-29:** Please support our annual fund drive campaign. About 50% of the funds we raised last year came from our generous families, including corporate matching. We will work with our Principal and Discovery Lab Teachers as we lead up to Donate for Discovery Week.
- **66th Annual Halloween Carnival, October 29 (Sunday) 11 AM – 4 PM**
- We're excited to bring our community the Halloween Carnival and our largest fundraising event. The Carnival Chairperson is Kristen Villasenor.
- We need a Halloween Chairperson for next year and there's a great opportunity to shadow Kristen this year.
- **Volunteers:** We have wonderful opportunities for you to support our school, students, and teachers and to get involved in the Foundation, from helping at the Halloween Carnival and our Spring events (Ping Pong Social, Beach Bash, and Pickleball) to leading the Foundation next year.
- **Garden:** Though no timeline was provided, the District is planning to incorporate Environmental Stewardship into the STREAM curriculum. This would allow the District and Foundation to provide funding support for the garden.
- **PTO:** we'd like to work with PTA to discuss advantages and disadvantages of creating a combined PTO.

PTA Update:

- The first PTA meeting was held on 9/7 and there was great attendance.
- Working on forming committees for Bi-laws, PTA Membership, Yearbook and Garden
- We want to continue the initiative that all 3rd and 6th graders will get a yearbook this year paid for by PTA as needed. Make it clear that this is based on need.
- School events to be aware of:
 - o Diverse Books event - FFEE and NCC sponsored, Sunday, Sept. 10th, 12 -2 pm @Flora Vista Elementary School.
 - o Bike/Walk/Roll to School Day 10/4 (both schools)
 - o Multilingual Family Night 10/5 @Skyline
 - o Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/31(both schools)
 - o Halloween Festival @Solana Vista
 - o Moove & Groove-a-thon 03/22 @Solana Vista

ELAC: none

Public comments: none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.