

Webster School GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2009

The following people were present:

Parents - NiColle Holland, Susie Johnson

Teachers - Pamela Held, Theresa Rubin

Other Staff - Phil Cott, Lore Meline

I. The Council decided to once again support an all-school service learning project in which every student will write a holiday card or letter to American soldiers serving overseas. Webster families will be encouraged to send gift items to school to be sent along with the cards and letters. Last year, this project was extremely successful. We have received a poster with some letters to us from soldiers who received our gifts and letters. We also have been given an American flag which flew over one of the bases in Iraq to fly at Webster for a few days next week.

II. Phil gave a report on the work planned and completed through Proposition BB. We have new equipment and wiring in place throughout the school to improve the speed and quality of our schoolwide network and internet connection. There is a new wireless system in place. Ms. Cronrod's kindergarten classroom and Ms. Verham's 4th grade classroom have been selected as Webster's Model Technology Classrooms. Those classrooms will get SmartBoards (Ms. Verham already has one), sound systems, 8 laptops for students, and some other related equipment. Webster will soon have a new fire alarm system and an all new telephone system. Our construction projects are scheduled for this coming summer. These are safety-related projects, including improved automobile and pedestrian access on Winter Canyon, reconfigured drop-off and parking areas, new and improved perimeter fencing, and a paved parking lot on about 1/2 of the large dirt lot alongside the bus ramp (L.A. County has an easement on the other half).

III. The Council reviewed our success in meeting the goals stated in our School Plan for 2008-09. Student achievement continued to improve in all areas. The percentage of students scoring either Proficient or Advanced increased significantly in all areas - English-Language Arts, Math, Science, and Writing. Almost all students who did not achieve proficiency in May, 2008 improved their scores in May, 2009. Technology resources and instruction improved. Parent involvement continued at high levels. Webster was recognized by the State Department of Education as a Service Learning Leader School. We successfully implemented new programs in the areas of environmental education and awareness. The Council will discuss ideas for new goals for 2009-10 at its next meeting.

IV. The Council will consider ideas for "green" projects for this year after meeting with Webster's "Green Team" of parent volunteers.

V. The next meeting will be scheduled for mid-November.