



FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Services
Categorical Programs

Superintendent's Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2005

I. Welcome and Introductions – Cali Olsen

Cali Olsen, Assistant Superintendent, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked parents for attending the meeting and asked them to stand and be recognized. She introduced Mr. Gus Hawthorn, President of the Board of Education and Clerk to the Board, Dr. Arlene Piazza, Dr. Charles Milligan, Superintendent and other district administrators

II. Adopt Bylaws – Cali Olsen

The bylaws were to be adopted after nominations and elections were held. Discussion was held about the bylaws.

Andrea from Sierra Lakes motioned to approve the bylaws with changes to allow parents who become school district employees to remain on the Council.

Lori Chavez seconded the motion.

Motion carried. None opposed.

III. Election of Officers – Cali Olsen

Cali explained that nominations would be asked for four positions: President, Vice-President, Alternate Vice-President and Secretary.

Nominations from the floor were accepted for Secretary, Alternate Vice-President, Vice President and President.

The nominations for Secretary were: Maria Zambrano, Terrie Deitz, Betty Patterson, Gustafa Alam, Lori Chavez and Maria Florez.

Nominations for Alternate Vice-President were: Carla Del Rio, Nancy Rodriguez, Maria Brown, George Ventura, Roxana Higuera, Linda Wubker, Roxanne Coovert.

Vice-President nominations were: Julie Ramos, Martinez, Luis Vaquera, Lori Nunez, Maria Maldonado, Reverend Mike Wubker, Maribel Macias, Ema Moreno, Lisa Cano, Moli Torres, Carrie Solchaga.

President nominations were: Kiana Spencer, Amber Barrett, Laura Lozano, Chaparral, Norton Carr, Lupe Miller, Chet Sobotka, Heidi Blakely, Laura Camacho and Caroline Ball.

Cali Olsen, Yolanda Mendoza, Corrina Santiago and Linda Young, FTA President counted the votes.

The results were shared. Laura Camacho was elected President. Julie Ramos was elected Vice-President. George Ventura was elected Alternate Vice-President, Lori Chavez was elected Secretary.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Cali Olsen

Laura Camacho asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2005 minutes

Melissa Rodriguez motioned to approve the March 9, 2005, minutes.

Julie Ramos seconded the motion.
Motion carried. None opposed.

V. *Questions From Previous Meetings – Dr. Milligan*

Dr. Milligan tried to answer all the questions from the last meeting. The officers will run all the meetings. The offices will be held until June 30, 2006. In April or May 2006 the Council will elect new officers.

The Superintendent's Advisory Council will serve the same purpose as the District Advisory Council. Sites will still have English Language Advisory Councils and the district will have a District English Language Advisory Council.

Dr. Milligan shared a newspaper article on preschool study results. They predicted that the preschool program would mean 5,000 more graduates.

Sidewalks were discussed at the last meeting. Dr. Milligan asked Mrs. Whitley, Principal of Ruble Middle School, if progress was being made and she said there had been some work. Dr. Milligan figured that meant "some dirt had been moved around".

The Student Superintendent Advisory Council discussed concerns about teaching the Health/Sex curriculum.

The City is taking steps to provide gang prevention programs in conjunction with the Teen Center.

VI. *Parent Volunteers – Dr. Milligan*

- *Calendar Committee*
- *Budget Committee*

Dr. Milligan would like to have a two-year school calendar so parents can plan ahead. They need parents to participate and he is asking for parent volunteers to serve on the Calendar Committee that Yolanda Mendoza, Associate Superintendent Human Resources will work with. She would like to have three parents from elementary school, three from middle school and three from high school. Many parents volunteered to serve on the Calendar Committee. The volunteers will be notified by their principals about the next meeting. They were thanked for volunteering.

A Budget Committee is needed. Eighty-six percent of the budget is spent on compensation of some type. That only leaves fourteen percent for books, buses and buildings. Dr. Stedry, Deputy Superintendent Business Services would like four elementary representatives, two middle school representatives and two high school representatives for the Budget Committee. Many parents volunteered and will be contacted by their principals. They were thanked for volunteering.

VII. *School Police Chief – Albert Reshaw*

Dr. Milligan introduced Chief Reshaw the new Chief of School Police.

Chief Reshaw said it was good to be here on his sixth day. He pledges to do everything they can to keep children safe.

He has been visiting and meeting city officials. He has been visiting sites and addressing traffic issues. He has a talented staff of officers and wants to build on how well the department runs. He pointed out Officer Wolverton, attending the meeting and is an example of the ownership in keeping the community safe, taking their responsibility seriously.

VIII. *Goals*

A lot of groups in the district have been working on the Goals. In a month, they will be brought back to the Superintendent's Advisory Council prior to having them approved by the Board of Education.

Students appear in all of the goals. The goals are written to provide what's necessary for students to succeed. The district must have vision and think of the future.

It's not Dr. Milligan's job to run the schools. It's the principals' job to run the schools. It's his job to provide the resources so they have the power and creativity to do the job and work collaboratively with the staff, teachers and parents.

Each school has different populations, different pots of money and the principal has to have the vision to get things done. In January of next year, the principal will address what progress has been made to reach the goals.

IX. Questions and Answers and Comments – Dr. Milligan

The District English Language Advisory Committee President was sad not to see the DELAC representatives.

Dr. Milligan said that each school was supposed to have an English Language Learner representative at the meeting. He asked each representative from the school to stand. It was easier to see that each school had a representative although it may not be the site's District's English Language Advisory Committee member.

Parents are trying to have healthier meals at home but they aren't eating healthy at school. Obesity is a problem with kids. They are playing Nintendo, Computers and not active enough outside.

Dr. Milligan has talked to the director of Child Nutrition. She will be happy to come the meetings. The department is in the middle of a state department review of the schools. She will be happy to address the issue.

Mrs. Rubio had turned in a letter in Spanish that was read for her. She feels that the behavior and education of students are parents and not just the schools' responsibility. Parents need more information for parenting classes. The lack of responsibility is because not all parents know how to control their kids. Parenting classes are provided and they will look for ways to fulfill the goals.

Laura Camacho asked why Fontana School District doesn't offer help to home schooled students. Parents have to go to Colton or Charter schools for assistance.

Dr. Milligan admits that's a valid criticism. It can be discussed and explore what our obligations are to those home schooled students.

Comment: Parents around the holidays go on longer vacations. Students are missing out on a lot.

The district is paid by attendance, not by enrollment. The district is impacted with students. There are five elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school on the drawing board. The district is having trouble finding property to build schools on. The state doesn't give us enough money to build schools with libraries, multi-purpose rooms, stadiums.

Comment: Shouldn't the district collect developer's fees?

We do collect the fees but more funding is necessary. Some city's have ordinances to provide funds to build schools. The district is talking to the city about how to provide for land and funds to build schools.

X. Other

Dr. Jinane Annous, Principal of Oak Park Elementary School wanted to share news about a special award given to Julie Ramos, PTA President by the County Superintendent for Volunteer in Action as a person who makes a difference. Julie was the only one from Fontana.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathleen Hubert. The motion was seconded by George Ventura. Motion carried.