

Governing School Site Council Meeting  
Porter Ranch Community School  
12450 Mason Avenue – Porter Ranch, CA 91326  
Location: Room 225  
Date: 11/14/19

- I. Call to Order-4: 05 pm.
- II. Attendees-Aaron Hayden, Gary Saunders, Meghan Wamsley, Marie Louise Woodings, Lisa Martinez/Don Kim, Arezo Abedi, Jose Cornejo, Kristi Matassa, Alice Lee.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance-Kristi Matassa.
- IV. Minutes-
- V. General Public Comment-Amy Muckenthaler-how do you propose agenda items for non-voting members? Answer-email to Saunders or Cornejo.
- VI. Community Member to Fill GSC-nominations-0 nominations. Postponed until next meeting.
- VII. Framework for Selecting New Middle School Principal-creation of new selection committee. Saunders-7 habits of happy kids. Come to consensus versus vote. Staff has been getting recommendations and getting precedent from other schools. Kristi Matassa-representation from each of parent groups. Over summer, having 2 parents on hiring committee left some parents feeling like they don't have a voice. 3 parents for major parent groups. Lisa Martinez-Don't understand why parents feel underrepresented. Money for children. Uncomfortable with that. Matassa-Booster club down money this year. Not every parent was given time to respond to survey. Jose Cornejo-parents have a role to play in education. Learning about Pilot school. Shared governance. Parent voice muted or less valuable than teacher. What parents are saying is for equal voice. Kristi Matassa- Last meeting, may have come off as parents don't know. Marie Louise Woodings-read statement about role as parent. Don Kim-everyone does not know what the actual hiring process is. No follow up questions. Being on hiring committee does not mean you can ask whatever. Joe Cornejo-parents have an opportunity to be a part of the process. Opinion matters, not just score. Martinez-feeling disrespected that parents seem to not trust our availability. Hayden-referenced other Pilot schools and amount of parents on hiring committee. Saunders-framework comes from district, teachers familiar with. Saunders-staff asking to be trusted with level of expertise; potential hire has to align with it. Would we ask someone not familiar with a certain profession his or her opinion? Cornejo-Is there an undervaluing to the parents? We live in a community where we can go elsewhere? As a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent, where are we going to go as a parent? A percentage of thought has parent value. I am a lobbyist for a living; I advocate for clients. Martinez-brings up survey from parents and staff. Wamsley-leap of faith for interviewing. Parents leaving school for other schools for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. So many different areas to be represented. Could get out of hand. District gets to eventually

choose candidate, not committee. At least get down to 3. Alice Lee- parents looking out for children. Brings up issue of teacher changes and schedule changes. Parents going through it. Andrea Gibson- recommended: 3 teachers, 3 parents, 1 principal, 1 classified. It is what it is. When the strike happened, parents were very supportive of the teachers. Equal representation is not feasible. Parent versus nanny example. Martinez-example does not work with teacher. Not exactly the same. Saunders-shares responsibilities of assistant principal.

- VIII. Public Comments-Christine Soderlund-parent of middle school kid. Difference at this school was parent involvement and scores. Pilot expresses shared responsibilities. Disappointed with the issue of unequal involvement. Asking for equal parental representation. Valerie-pass. Meena Vishwanathan-parent of 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Parent involved at home and on campus. Kids still here because of partnership with parents and teachers. Upset about discussion at meeting. Re-evaluate her ideas about this school. Cecille Wise-mother of 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Can Albany be a part of the hiring process? She works hand in hand with assistant principal. Disappointed with discussion. Hurts. Aggie-passing. Saunders- Hiring for elementary school vice principal position. Depends on qualifications. Cornejo-person coming in is someone who wants to be a middle school AP. Saunders-we are a SPAN school, so students needs are met.
- IX. Motion-Alice and Jose-4 and 4. Matassa-under impression of school hiring a middle school vice principal. Don Kim-Melvin use of 3, 3, 1 and 1 is a compromise. Voicing teacher wants. Cornejo-Kim and Martinez cannot both sit at table. Substitute motion-3 teachers, 3 parents, 1 principal, 1 classified. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Martinez. All those in favor: 9 in favor, 2 oppose. Motion passes. Give principal a name by next Tuesday. Will give names of 3 parents by noon tomorrow, or Monday, leave it to Christie. Adjourned at 5:05 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Hayden