

Solvang Elementary School

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Minutes from June 21st Special Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:07 in Room 18.

All Board Members present with the exception of Mr. Dellinger

Also in attendance:

Superintendent Allcock

Dr. Al Zonana : Santa Barbara County Office of Education.

Dr. Zonana was serving as workshop facilitator.

Board President Achinger reviewed the purpose of the meeting, which was to establish clarity of purpose for the Board and the district.

Then, give direction to Superintendent Allcock to ensure that the vision is followed by staff.

Mr. Aichinger then turned the meeting over to Dr. Zonana.

A lengthy discussion followed, in which a number of issues were discussed and agreed upon.

The Board agreed on a revised mission statement which reads:

“The mission of the Solvang School District is to educate all students to realize their full potential.”

Dr. Saunders was particularly pleased with this statement due to the fact that it is concise and to the point. All agreed that many mission statements include too much verbiage and cannot be easily remembered.

After agreeing on the mission statement, the Board discussed what a rich and balanced education may look like.

Components of a balanced education include but are not limited to:

- Critical thinking
- Personal skills-empathy
- Appreciate a variety of experiences
- Appreciate cultural differences
- Respect for others
- Ethical behavior
- Compassion
- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Confidence
- Commitment
- Collaboration
- Doing best
- Math
- Appreciation in arts
- Science
- History
- Physical—nutrition and health
- Environment
 - taking place
 - facilities
 - labor relations
 - job satisfaction
 - parental involvement
 - school climate

The Board then decided that for the upcoming school year, there would be three “areas of interest”

-Establish and Implement Food service

- nutritionally sound
- affordable
- monitor fiscal solvency
- appealing to the students

-Improve School Climate

-Access to information—communication—this is a big piece of our need for school perception improvement with the community. Getting information out to the community is critical.

-Staff job satisfaction (morale)—recognition programs like teacher of the year for certificated and classified staff was suggested followed by discussion of ways to recognize teachers and classified staff. Teachers choose teacher of the year and SBCEO put them up for County teacher of the year in addition to recognition at the Solvang City Council Meeting.

- Wider parent participation
- Parent satisfaction

-Customer Service of staff towards our students and parents (CLIENTS!). Make them a team by drawing out their interests; Staff—Parents becoming a team.

-Create way to match students with teachers. Don't request teachers—discuss your child's interests and strengths and school matches them up with a teacher. Explain to parents that teachers are sharing students and all plan together.

-Improve Academic and Enrichment Programs:

-Initiate—active intervention to prevent “falling through the cracks.”

-Upper Campus lab experiences for students (involve parent volunteers)

-Improve student use of tech tools and enrichment activities (field trips). Sentiment discussed that the school is in decline.

Many opportunities that used to draw parents and students to the school are now going away; i.e. Yosemite trip and Anacapa Trip. This exercise is part of a Solvang School Renaissance.

The “areas of interest” will become part of the Superintendent’s measurable goals.

The workshop adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Signed

Attest