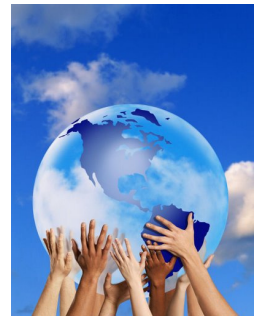


Loomis Basin Charter School
School Site Alliance
Minutes
October 22, 2008
4:00 P.M.



- I. Role call – New member Deborah Chew-Smyth, Cindy Uptain, Marilee Armstrong, Sarah Conover, Marta Estevez, Stephan Davis, Keri Davidson, Ron Howard, Debbie VanBreemen, and parent Jeannine Thompson
- II. Request from PTA: As of right now parents are expected to volunteer 30 hours per child enrolled. For example if a parent has 3 children enrolled that would be 90 hours. This may or may not change in the future for families with 3 children. This issue will be looked at for next year.
- III. Request from PTA: As of right now there is not a buy-out provision for family's that are not able to put in their volunteer hours. It is felt that there are many things that can be done from home that would qualify as volunteer hours. This is a charter school, and charter schools are built from parent participation. If a parent is having trouble volunteering then they are encouraged to talk with Cindy Uptain on ways they can help out.
- IV. Dress code policy: Spirit wear (LBCS logo T-Shirts) are to be worn only on Fridays.
- V. Volunteer update: Playground rules – there are some rules in the hand book. Cindy is meeting with the yard duty to go over the rules. The children are playing on the PFA equipment correctly. There have been some issues with some other games. Posting the rules may help the students. Another yard duty will be hired.
- VI. Teachers: Deborah Chew said she could use some more non-fiction books. She is also working on a set schedule for her parent volunteers in the classroom. It is encourage to give all of our teachers a great shout out. They have been working so hard to provide a wonderful education for our students. Thank you so much!

- VII. Enrollment for next year: People are calling Tammy everyday about enrolling for the next school year. Right now there are about 32 siblings planning on enrolling for kindergarten. Cindy would like to have enrollment done by the end of January for next year.
- VIII. Curriculum update – Language arts: All of the children are reading in the classrooms. Cindy has been working with the vendor to get the language art curriculum. The school might end up using Scott Foresman for the Language arts curriculum.
- IX. School celebration/events calendar: This topic will remain on the SSA agenda. There was more discussion about a Christmas – Winter celebration. Possibly each class celebrating a different culture and having a school performance to show what the classes learned. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- X. Update from Cindy: A night time janitor has been temporarily hired to clean the classrooms until we can permanently hire for a 2 hour position. More landscaping has been going in. Cindy’s trip to Colorado went great as she shared in the Loomis update on 10-13-08. The trip showed that the school is right on track with teaching IB profiles. Cindy also picked up ideas for incorporating more internationalism into the school. We also talked about in the future having pen pals from another IB School. We would also like to come up with some great ideas for community service.
- XI. Round Table and next meeting: The SSA will be posting the Agenda on the web sight to help keep parents in the loop. The SSA also talked about the possibility of having a brag board put up on our web sight. This will give parents and children a chance to show how much they love there school, and what a great job the staff is doing. We are a new school and we have come so far. It is great to hear positive feedback!!

Next meeting will be November 5th at 4:00.