



John L. Webster Elementary School

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Webster Elementary School Site Council Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 3:00pm in person in Room 15

Meeting Participants:

Staff Representatives

Carina Diana, Principal

Dee Dee Cooper, Certificated Representative (absent)

Amy Stark, Certificated Representative

Vincent LoGreco, Classified Representative (absent)

Dayna Walley, Classified Representative

Community Representatives

Larisa Braun, PTA Representative

Vicky Farrell, Parent

Sara Jasper, Parent

Marni Kamins, Parent

Chad Peters, Parent (absent)

Alternates

Isaura Terry, Classified Representative

Meeting Notes:

Welcome	Call to Order at 3:06 PM.
Approval of Minutes	The council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Vicky moved to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Larisa. The motion was carried.
Bylaws Review	<p>Carina led a review of the SSC bylaws, highlighting the need for a correction in the terms and elections section. The updated language clarified that all elected members shall serve two-year terms, whether consecutive or non-consecutive. She also proposed a revision to the meeting schedule, suggesting that SSC should meet at least five times per school year instead of monthly, as she believed this would allow the council to complete its work effectively within that time frame. No strong objections were raised to the change, and after further discussion, Carina formally moved to adopt the new meeting frequency. Larisa seconded the motion, and it was approved. Carina also proposed setting the quorum for SSC meetings at six members, which was also unanimously approved.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the possibility of adding a vice chairperson role to SSC. However, Dayna pointed out that the principal or another staff member could step in as chair when necessary, making the additional role unnecessary. The</p>



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	<p>group agreed not to make a change.</p> <p>As the discussion moved to the school’s budget and goals, Carina emphasized that improving math scores remains a top priority for funding. She also revisited agenda items from the previous year, including securing grants, addressing campus safety concerns such as the installation of a safety gate, and hiring someone to oversee the STEAM Lab. It was clarified that while safety measures like fencing and security staffing are important, they fall outside the jurisdiction of the SSC.</p> <p>Marni asked for clarification on the overarching goals of the SSC. Carina explained that the committee plays a key role in guiding long-term decisions and shaping the school’s direction. She emphasized that SSC provides a broad, strategic perspective on what the school can achieve, acknowledging that meaningful change takes time.</p>
<p>SARC Updates</p>	<p>Carina provided updates on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). She explained that she had worked with PTA President Bobbi to ensure the report was current. One key requirement from the last school safety plan was volunteer training, which had now been incorporated. Additionally, she had collaborated with Ms. Monte to update the school’s textbook inventory, ensuring that all students have proper access to instructional materials in compliance with Williams requirements.</p> <p>The discussion then shifted to the new math curriculum. Dana inquired about the changes, prompting Amy Stark to explain that all math textbooks would be replaced. A pilot program is planned, allowing teachers and students to test different options and provide feedback before finalizing a curriculum choice. Carina emphasized that the new curriculum prioritizes conceptual understanding and problem-solving rather than rote memorization. She noted that the pilot program would take place across multiple sites and that input from educators would be carefully considered before a decision was made.</p> <p>The schools 2024 SARC was approved at the last board meeting.</p>
<p>SPSA Student Performance Data Analysis</p>	<p><u>Enrollment</u></p> <p>Carina addressed student performance data and enrollment trends. She acknowledged that the school anticipates a loss in enrollment after the fires (i.e. losing thirteen students), though seven new families have committed to enrolling. To counteract enrollment declines, she proposed increased marketing efforts (i.e. local preschools) to promote Webster Elementary. Sara raised concerns about the broader impact of logistical challenges on enrollment and questioned whether the</p>



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school might see a greater drop than anticipated. Carina reassured the group that she cares as much as the community does about increasing Webster enrollment numbers.

Multilingual Learners

The discussion then turned to multilingual learners. Carina shared data indicating that multilingual students make up a small portion of Webster's population, with the numbers declining each year. One notable point was that no students had been reclassified the last three years, which seemed unusual and warranted further attention.

CAASPP

(topic postponed)

CA School Dashboard: ELA

Reviewing the latest California School Dashboard data, Carina noted that Webster's English Language Arts (ELA) scores had declined by 4.7 points compared to the previous year, though the school remained above the state average. She also pointed out that students with disabilities are now categorized as a separate subgroup.

CA School Dashboard: Math

In math, the school's performance remained steadily above standard, with scores maintaining a 2.7-point change from the prior year. While the results were stable, Carina reiterated that improvements in math instruction remained a school's key focus.

CA School Dashboard: Chronic Absenteeism

Addressing chronic absenteeism, Carina explained that students missing more than ten days of school qualify as chronically absent (truant). Webster was flagged because no goal had been attached to addressing absenteeism last year. Any indicator in the red must be linked to an action plan. Although the school has moved from the "red" to the "orange" category since last year, she stressed the importance of monitoring attendance closely.

CA School Dashboard: Suspension Rate

Regarding suspension rates, Carina reported a 1% decline, placing Webster in the "blue" category, which is the lowest concern level. The school rarely enforces suspensions, but she affirmed that the data will continue to be monitored.

Conclusion /

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn by Carina, seconded by Larisa.



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Thank You!

The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.