

## SSLT Minutes for October 9, 2013

Present: O. Beckwith, J. Petersilge, A. Dillman, M. Hatheway, L. Klipstein,, B. Forsee, J. Finn, M. Eguez, C. Heinrich-Josties, R. Ilgenfritz, K. Johnson, A. Poon,, J. Oku, T. Darr, V. Stiles, F. Araiza-Kasamasa, C. LeFever, V. Fong, K. Villacisneros, C. Merel, visitors from Shanghai

1) Nominations Results: J. Petersilge, Chair; O. Beckwith, Vice-chair; L. Klipstein secretary. After serving 2 terms M. Feraco-Eberle did not run for re-election (SSLT meeting times conflict with cross country coaching duties), so R. Ilgenfritz, as the former alternate, will take his place as SSLT teacher representative.

2) J. Finn: California Great Shake Out schedule designed to avoid losing whole periods, with adjustments built in to 3<sup>rd</sup> period for early/late ending (due to weather, for example). This is same schedule as last year. This is a state scheduled event, so start time cannot be altered.  
Approved by consensus.

3) Vision and Mission Statement Committee: after grammatical conversations and corrections, this has been accepted and will be presented to staff in SSLT minutes. The new statement will be posted on the school website and other related documents, replacing the old Mission and Vision Statements, once these SSLT minutes have been approved. This change is in response to WASC goals. Please note that our student representative, Vania Fong, crafted the majority of this new statement.

### OLD AHS Vision Statement:

The Arcadia High School community stimulates intellectual curiosity and fosters an enthusiasm for learning. We are dedicated to educating students in a challenging and supportive environment.

### OLD AHS Mission Statement:

The focus of the Arcadia High School community is on student work designed by educators and students that results in learning.

### NEW AHS Vision and Mission Statement:

Arcadia High School provides a challenging and supportive learning environment where students grow academically and socially. Faculty, staff, and the community work together preparing future citizens of the world who think critically, cooperate effectively, and practice integrity. Arcadia High School educates the whole person, providing resources and opportunities to ensure success through independent educational, personal, and practical pursuits during high school and throughout life.

4) Collaboration Time: At the end of last school year, Department Chairs were tasked with opening and/or continuing department-level conversations about structured collaboration time (aka Team Time, aka banking minutes) and DC conversation (structured time), and bringing specific feedback and suggested plans to SSLT. There are several questions left open, including but not limited to:

Do we want structured time? How will it look? Is not collaborating an option? What is the district vision and what local control do we have? How does site-based decision making work in this case? Who are the stakeholders and who gets to vote (Parents? Students? Non-teaching staff who will also be impacted by schedule changes)? Dr. Forsee reminded those present that a Board directive trumps SSLT process, so this is a real opportunity for us to shape what collaboration time will look like at AHS (collaboration time is clearly a District goal at every school site).

5) We are half way through WASC process - so finishing this cycle and starting the next will be a major focus of this school year. Kevin Fox was WASC chair last time around, and we need to identify the next WASC chair as soon as possible to ensure a smooth process. Those present are encouraged to talk with colleagues and gauge interest (WASC chair must be skilled at teaching, leading, writing). Perhaps an added prep can be given to whoever takes this position; this was done last time.

6) Snack rotation sheet was passed around. November 13 snacks will be provided by Joan Petersilge (December 11 snacks will be provided by Angie Dillman and Christa Heinrich-Josties)

7) Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

L. Klipstein

SSLT Secretary