

*Minutes of the SSEA Central Coordinating Committee Meeting
Shasta Learning Center
December 15, 2009
3:30 P.M.*

In attendance:

Jim Cloney, Superintendent

Art Schmitt, Chief Business Official

Dana Reginato, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

Kyle Turner, Assistant Superintendent/Instructional Services

Milan Woollard, Principal (SHS)

Jim Bartow, Principal (FHS)

Elsbeth Prigmore, Principal (PHS & Plus Schools)

Eric Peterson, Principal (EHS)

Guy Malain, Principal (Alt. Ed.)

Sherrie Howard, SSEA (SHS)

Deborah Bayley, ESP (NSIHS)

Tom Roberts, SSEA (EHS)

Eric Levy, SSEA (FHS)

Patricia Pocinich, ESP (FHS)

Marsette Ford (Recorder)

Poinsettias at December 8, 2009 Board Meeting

Jim Cloney reported that the Poinsettias at the regular December Board meeting were holiday gifts from Trustee Connie Pepple to her fellow Board Members and D.O. Administrators. The flowers were not purchased with District funds, as some District staff may believe.

January 4th Staff Development

Kyle reviewed the schedule for the upcoming staff development and noted that the morning sessions topic strands align with the District's Strategic Plan. Several of our own teachers will share their area of expertise with their colleagues during these morning sessions. More information on the day's activities will be provided in the District's newsletter coming to staff on December 18th.

College Connection

Some staff have concerns that the District's taking charge of administering the College Connection Program will result in additional costs.

Jim Cloney reviewed that approximately 18 months ago the new Superintendent of the Red Bluff High School District requested that SUHSD take charge of overseeing the Program, as the vast majority of students are from our District. Overseeing the Program has been "cost neutral", as there has been no increase in funding or cost. To fill the vacancy created by Mike Moynahan's retirement, teacher interviews were conducted in accordance with the College Connection Bylaws, and a teacher from another district was hired for the position at Shasta College.

Eric Levy suggested a review of the Bylaws, and Jim agreed this could be done after the winter break.

Use of MAA \$

Department Heads at SHS reported to Tom that they were recently asked to vote in favor of using MAA funds to extend the site's Administrative Intern to a 5/5 position, following the recent cutback of this position due to budget constraints. The SSEA Association believes this to be a negotiable matter.

Jim Cloney noted that all Site Principals have site-based funds to use at their discretion. Administrators seek input from site staff leadership, as well as their Site Council. Even though Ed. Code does not require Site Council approval to spend MAA funds, the District's practice has been to include Site Council in these decisions. Jim and Milan had previously discussed this matter based upon the rationale that a full-time Intern would have more time to focus on improving student attendance, thereby creating more revenue for the District. Milan was instructed to talk this over with his leadership team members and if they supported the idea, it would perhaps be brought to the Association as an MOU.

Deborah added that if this practice is going to be allowed, ESP may also be interested in MAA funds being used to reinstate the SOA I Night Caller position, as this position could also improve student attendance.

Jim Cloney reported this matter is currently on hold, pending further discussion.

