

**CORNERSTONE ACADEMY
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Administration Representation: Ms. Kerri O'Sullivan, Principal, Dr. Ron Large, Mr. Doug Rodriguez

Teaching Representation: Ms. Paula Downey

Parent Representation: Donna Wright, Doraine Melton, Sheryl Batchelder, Leila Brihoum, Lynn DeJarnette, Jim Duffy, Carolina Fernandez, Dina Hernandez, Melinda King, Elizabeth Olson, Sharon Priest

Community Representation: Ann Bennett, Kim Dewey, Kimber Liu, Anne Spivey

Student Representation:

PRINCIPALS' UPDATE: Ms. Kerri O'Sullivan, Principal, stressed that security, safety and academics were her top priorities as the new principal. We will see changes to the drop-off and pick-up procedures and the addition of new fencing. There is a bank across the street that poses a potential threat and there will be "lock-down" drills. Ms. O'Sullivan said that communication and parent involvement is key to her success and the website will have accurate information as well as weekly electronic updates sent. She indicated several cases of misinformation being distributed and asked this council to take a leadership role with regard to such information.

Mr. Doug Rodriguez, Director of the Upper Academy, discussed his vision regarding use of computers and advanced teaching technological tools. Unfortunately, a large portion of the budget was spent on what we have now but there are plans for improvement.

Dr. Ron Large, Director of the Lower Academy, announced that he will try to have a department presentation at each meeting where we will hear what is going on in a particular grade level.

PARENT CONCERNS: In addition to concerns regarding safety, academics, and specific classroom issues, parents expressed concerns about: Lunchroom - there are upper academy kids in the lunchroom while there are elementary kids eating. Uniform Company - there have been a lot of complaints regarding the current uniform company. We were told that we have a one year contract with them and other options are already being considered for next year.

BYLAWS: Recap of the organizational meeting on **October 19th** that it was voted that there should be five (5) representatives in each category including both the upper and lower academies, the community, the teaching staff, the administration in addition to the principal, and students of the upper academy. The Principal shall not vote except in the event of a tie. It was decided that further discussion on the number of representatives could be had once the bylaws were drafted. Donna Wright volunteered to draft the bylaws.

ELECTIONS: Ann Bennett, Chairperson
Ann Spivey, Vice-Chairman
Doraine Melton, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: The meeting schedule was set for the second Tuesday of the month. Ms. O'Sullivan will check the master calendar. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010 unless otherwise notified.

As submitted:

Doraine Melton, Secretary