

ORION ALTERNATIVE AND MANDARIN IMMERSION

School Site Council Agenda

November 19th 3-4 pm

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Responsibilities of School Site Council:

Review, modify, and evaluate the annual Single Plan for Student Achievement.

The school has a Mandarin Immersion program offering 21st-century learning wherein students become bilingual and bi-literate.

The school offers an Alternative Education Program that meets 21st-century learning. It offers a nurturing learning environment where students develop positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, and joy.

AGENDA

Time	Facilitator	Topic	Description
			<p>Review <u>SSC Ground Rules</u></p> <p>Christina Luke Luna (Co-op Program Parent Representative, Year 2)</p> <p>Winnie Chen (Principal)</p> <p>Cathy Schechter (Teacher, Year 2)</p> <p>Michelle Chen (Teacher)</p> <p><i>Elva Wu (Teacher, Support Staff, Year 2)</i></p> <p><i>Shijia Liu (Teacher)</i></p> <p>Chenchen Gong (Teacher, Year 2)</p>
3:00 pm	Steve	Call to order	<p>Steven Jeuck (Co-op Program Parent Representative)</p> <p>Paul Derby (Co-op Program Parent Representative)</p> <p><i>Joe Ballou (Co-op Program Alternate)</i></p> <p>Tracy Lee (MI Program Parent Representative)</p> <p><i>Mindy Ye (MI Program Parent Representative)</i></p> <p>Tara Charles (MI Program Parent Representative)</p> <p>Oscar Flores (MI Program Alternate)</p>
		Roll call	Confirm attendance of representative members
3:05	Steve	Introductions	Notetaker: Tracy Lee
		SSC Members, please leave cameras on	12/17 - Paul Derby
3:10	Steve	Announce Agenda & review meeting minutes	Approve agenda and meeting minutes from <u>October 22nd , 2025</u>

3:15	Winnie	Principal Update	<p>Please preview the slide deck before our meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Family Responses: District and Orion Annual Need Assessment</u>
3:30	Winnie	Budget Committee Update	<p>Please preview both documents before our meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>District Office Department Breakdown</u>: This document provides a detailed look at all district office departments, including positions, salaries, and funding sources. A legend at the top explains each funding source for clarity. • <u>Responses to Committee Questions</u>: These include answers to questions submitted by committee members, most of which came from Orion Alternative.
3:55	Steve	Open discussion	Guests are welcome to speak and ask questions on agenda items only.
4:00 pm	Steve	Adjournment	Thank you

Future Agenda items:

Notes:

Present:

- Principal Winnie
- Michelle Chen (teacher)
- Cathy Schechter (teacher)
- Chenchen Gong (teacher)
- Tracy Lee (MI parent)
- Tara Charles (MI parent)
- Oscar Flores (MI parent) - alternate
- Paul Derby (Co-op parent)
- Steve Jeuck (Co-op parent)

- Christina Luke Luna (Co-op parent)

Absent:

- Elva Wu
- Shijia Liu
- Joe Ballou - alternate
- Mindy Ye

Meeting minutes - motion to approve (Paul), seconded (Tara), approved.

Principal Update

Reviewed District Survey results for Orion (133 responses, 126 English/7 Spanish)

- Goal 1 Reduce Chronic Absenteeism
 - MTSS Tosa (0.5 time @ Orion) - Maribel. Monitoring attendance, extensive parent outreach for lateness/absentees, McKinley Vento (foster youth) & homeless family reachouts, list of students who need special supports, academic support, goal tracking
 - Positive Behavior Intervention
 - Student Behavior Specialist (also known as Behavior Analysts) - not onsite. Contractors at school district. Shadow and observe the student to determine root cause of the behavior needs. Tier 2 (not most restrictive/sped)
- Goal 2 Improve EL students
 - Specialized training and prof development for staff of EL students
 - Supplemental English Language Development curriculum - already have this (Language Power curriculum, started last year)
 - Note that EL test is really challenging at reading & writing at 3rd grade onward so hard for those students to get off of EL list; e.g. understand lifecycle of a frog
- Goal 3 Grow ELA & Math iReady scores
 - Small group instruction w/ English & Mandarin support
 - Instructional aides
 - STEAM
- Goal 4 More effective collaboration
 - Supporting child with literacy and math
 - Teaching child organization skills
- Orion SPSA Goal 1 Social emotional support

- Positive behavior intervention support
- Art lessons
- Music
- School-wide cultural learning
- Classroom supplies
- One Life Counseling Services budget has been set for next year (no change). Very popular. 10 kids on waitlist. Each session is 30 min for 6-8 weeks. Winnie to check how many students served at any time.
- Orion SPSA Goal 2 EL student progress
 - Project Cornerstone
 - Instructional Coach (Teacher Conti) - poster where teacher and child work together, chants to pick up academic vocabulary
- Orion SPSA Goal 3 Academic growth
 - English Reading Intervention Teacher
 - Instructional aides
 - STEAM
 - Orion WIN block
 - PTO-led after school tutoring
- Prop 28 funding
 - STEAM #1
 - Music #2

Questions:

STEAM coverage at Orion?

- Approximately 25% PTO & 25% Prop 28

Northstar Enrichment program - who funds it?

- Not separate funding. It's the same teachers because of compacted schedule.
- At Orion, mostly academic focused. Not enrichment topics like Chess, San Carlos Childrens Theater. Principal Winnie hopes we can get more parent involvement.
 - Orion uses WIN blocks and also special
- Northstar has about \$750k in PTO funding

You can rent the school on the weekends (e.g. birthday parties). Request/application with District.

Budget Committee Update

- Winnie's update
 - Strategic Resource Alignment Meeting #3 happened on 11/18. It was 3 hours long and did not finish. There is a continuation of the meeting next Monday with the principals/admins.
- Oscar's update
 - Initially asked school site to look for room for cuts. Everyone looked and said we looked and everything is being used.
 - Dr. Baker presented an option that needs more discussion with district staff.
 - Likely status quo for our program. Most cuts will come at district level (\$5.2M). Nothing like last year or year before. The guest teacher might be impacted for our school site since still need to find a \$0.3M for a total of \$5.5M cuts.
 - Jan 13 - Board Study Session; community can come in and discuss topics
 - Jan 20 meeting to draft recommendation.
- No change of teacher child ratio because it's between Union and District
- All waiting for enrollment data; lots of touring for Principal Winnie to promote Orion
- Board Study Session
 - Anyone can go provide a strong voice
 - Last year very few people who showed up
 - Steve will bring up at next PTO meeting with Rachel on whether there's an opportunity for a joint/unified voice to bring to the study session