

Ulis Newton Elementary  
School Organizational Team Minutes  
September 26, 2018  
3:45 PM

The Ulis Newton School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:45pm on 09/26/2018. The meeting was held in the art room.

**Members Present:**

Jorie DiCamillo, Principal  
Hope Ficarro, Member  
Melanie Grady, Member  
Cindy Benavidez, Member  
Alice Bellini, Member  
Danielle Walters, Member  
Stefani Glines, Member

**Members Absent:** Robin Anderson  
Nathan Harper

**1 Welcome and Roll Call**

1.1 Reviewed minutes from meeting dated 9/18/18

1.2 The minutes from the meeting dated 08/29/2018 were presented and they were approved. Ms. Bellini approved the minutes, and Ms. Benavidez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**2 Old Agenda Items**

2.1 2018-2019 Strategic Budget Plan Update. No approval from the district - which is typical and to continue to go through the steps.

2.2 Discussion of the SOT Elections: Ballots are being collected.

**3 New Agenda Items**

- 3.1 Budget - What items do we want to pay for? The budget has not been approved as of yet. Team reviewed items for possible funding. Suggested looking at State and District budgets to get a true feel for how much money is available. Custodial has been moved to Newton ES. SOT has questions about HVAC services - and who is responsible for paying for it. Could we pay for an exterminator?
- 3.2 School Performance Plan: Our biggest impact came on the heels of ELA scores. Our performance is lower for our area as well as the district. We need to improve on our Math Growth scores. Our student engagement warranted extra bonus points. Attendance letter was resent. Our school has been designated as a TSI school - which means that the district is watching our sub-groups as they have not been performing. Team is curious about how they determine economically disadvantaged? Mrs. DiCamillo indicated that the district gets information from a number of different sources. We had little growth within the Math area. Labs will have to be open before school and after school to help catch students up within the math area. A suggestion was made to communicate with specific student families to indicate that they need to review the Zearn videos more frequently. It has been suggested that the letters are specifically sent to family. We have to have community buy-in in order to build our math scores. Mrs. Glines suggested that teachers get a "Yes" button for students to hit once they've passed a Zearn lesson. Mrs. DiCamillo reviewed the goals for the next year. If students opt out of testing it could impact points on the schools report card. Mrs. DiCamillo reviewed priority goals for the new school year. Suggestion for videos for parent information to send out on Parent

Link. Family conferences will require teachers to discuss our new programs. The new SOT will review this again in February.

#### **4 Information**

- 4.1 Crossing Guards are concerned about the speeding cars that are coming through the school zone and possible signage change.
- 4.2 Next SOT meeting will be tentatively scheduled for October 24th at 3:45 pm.
- 4.3 Meeting adjourned at 4:43 by Mrs. Grady. Seconded by Mrs. Benavidez.