

**SRSC Meeting – March 15, 2023**

**Scripps Ranch Schools Committee Meeting  
March 15, 2023, at 4:30pm  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform**

**Member Attendance:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dingeman Principal</i> – Dusty Pedrotti    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SRHS Principal</i> – Matt Lawson             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dingeman FFC Rep</i> – Cathryn McFearin    | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRHS Foundation Rep</i> – Rich Lawson                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dingeman SSC/SGT Rep</i> – Christina Liu   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SRHS Foundation Rep</i> – Ginger Colletto    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Dingeman Alternate</i> – Angie Couvrette   | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRHS SSC/SGT Rep</i> –                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>EBS Principal</i> – Liz Sloan              | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRHS SSC/SGT Rep</i> –                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>EBS FFO Rep</i> – Nina Jacobs                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SDUSD Area Superintendent</i> – Monika Hazel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>EBS SSC/SGT Rep</i> – Wouter van der Put              | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SDUSD Area Sup. High Schools</i> – Erin Richison        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerabek Principal</i> – Angelia Watkins    | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SDUSD Board Member</i> – Sabrina Bazzo                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerabek FFO Rep</i> – Sharon Camarillo                | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRCA Rep</i> – Ruben Suzara                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerabek SSC/SGT Rep</i> – Pete Cordero                | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRCA Alternate</i> – Bob Ilko                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>MRE Principal</i> – Carolyn Kalicki        | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SR Planning (SRPG)</i> – Victoria LaBruzzo              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>MRE FFA Rep</i> – Rochelle Fine            | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>MR North Planning (MRNPC)</i> – Bill Crooks             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>MRE SSC/SGT Rep</i> –                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SR Rec Council</i> – Marc Sorensen                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Marshall Principal</i> – Josh Way          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SRSC Chair</i> – Jenny Cornelissen           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Marshall MMO Rep</i> – Kelly Melancon      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SRSC Parliamentarian</i> – Gail Faber        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Marshall MMO Rep</i> – Gail Faber          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SRSC Legislative Analyst</i> – Tamara Hurley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Marshall SSC/SGT Rep</i> – Shannon Kellogg | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>SRSC Secretary</i> – Mary Corbett                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Marshall SSC/SGT Rep</i> –                            |   |

**Public Attendance:**

Melissa Barbour (Youth Services Librarian, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library), Laura Stegner (After-School Director for all SR schools), Russell Sperling (SDUSD, Director of Visual and Performing Arts), Karen Freeman (Jerabek/MMS), Joy Wood (Jerabek/MMS), Emily Caballero (Jerabek), Katarina Mansir (Dingeman), Audra Rosenberg (Dingeman/MMS), Debra Toth, Angela Brooks

Total Maximum Attendance = 27

**Meeting Minutes:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Chair Jenny Cornelissen
  - Welcome to everyone and introduction of Angie Couvrette, filling in for Mary Corbett to take the minutes. Mr. Russ Sperling, Director of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) for SDUSD; Superintendent Monika Hazel, and Dr. Lawson are here tonight.
  
- II. Approval of February minutes
  - Motion to approve by Dusty Pedrotti, second by Dr. Angelia Watkins; Approved

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### III. SDUSD Guest Speaker - Russ Sperling, SDUSD, Director of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

- Mr. Sperling expresses his thanks for being able to discuss the passing of Proposition 28. It was passed with the highest margin in the state of California at 64.4% and is a much-needed addition to funds for art resources up and down the state.
- Discussion about how the funds can and will be distributed. The State is taking its time to figure out the allocations for all the schools. Currently, we know that the funds cannot be used to supplant current funding. They are currently working with principals to add programs and resources versus swapping out current programs. It is moving slower than planned, but the law is effective July 1 and the funding needs to get dropped into budgets.
- Locally, they have been working with the middle and high schools first to allocate funds. The funds have not been distributed to the elementary schools yet.
- It is recognized that there will be a high demand for VAPA teachers so the goal is to create a team of VAPA teachers that can serve multiple schools.
- Question from Liz Sloan - will the schools have flexibility on how the money is spent?  
Response from Russ Sperling – yes and no, the current plan is to offer funding for ½ year of visual art and 1/2 year of performing arts, but as the teacher/administrator, you can decide what to emphasize – you could emphasize dance or theater if you already have a good music program in place.
- Question from Tamara Hurley – the way Prop 28 was written, we should have local control on how funds would operate/be used, but it sounds like it is going to be “here is what you get and how you need to spend it.” It is recognized that not every school currently has the same thing or offers the same programs, so how will they be given flexibility to spend the funds?  
Response from Russ Sperling – he understands what is in the law and thinks they have landed on a plan that will help serve the schools effectively. 80% of the funds have to be spent on personnel, but the schools can independently decide what they want the teachers/personnel to focus on.
- Follow up question from Tamara Hurley – shouldn't we first ask the schools what they want or need and then hire the appropriate teachers accordingly.  
Response from Russ Sperling – the VAPA teaching credential is pretty broad, so regardless, there should still be flexibility on what they can focus on/teach, depending on the school's needs.
- Question from Dr. Angelia Watkins – Jerabek's FFO is currently helping support the VAPA program – is it possible to use the money toward their current program instead of using the funds to hire a VAPA teacher?  
Response from Russ Sperling – the current VAPA program is different from what their new goal is, which is providing a teacher once a week which will give the teachers more prep time and the kids more visual/performing arts time.
- Question from Liz Sloan – will the new lessons/VAPA program allow prep time for the teachers or do they have to be with the VAPA teacher at the lesson?  
Response from Russ Sperling – the makeup of the use of the second hour is still in negotiation, but explains that from a technical perspective, the teachers could use it for prep, as the VAPA teachers will all be credentialed.
- Russ Sperling excuses himself as he heads to the District Art Show. Jenny recognizes and thanks him for his time and for being here and providing information. Jenny looks forward to an additional update and is excited to hear about new potential programs.

### IV. Area Superintendent Monika Hazel

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- Monika reports that she has been working with all the school site principals relating to their budgets, how they are supporting their students and best use of District funds. All budgets and staffing numbers have been released to the schools. Principals have been working really hard with their parent/faculty organizations and committees and have taken into account the needs assessments survey, in order to help distribute the funds. She recognizes that all of the administration in this cluster know how to stretch the funding and make the most of every dollar.
  - Monika is happy to report that each school will continue on in 2023-2024 with a resident visiting teacher, who is able to support the school and in classrooms, where needed. Some schools with more than 700 students will have 2 resident visiting teachers and the elementary schools will be staffed with associate principals.
  - Monika remarks on how in awe she is of the parent/faculty/school organizations that work tirelessly hosting galas, auctions, fundraisers, etc. to raise money for the school. She recognizes the significant contribution from this Scripps Ranch community that helps tremendously in funding the activities and programs at the schools.
  - The District provides what they consider an “adequate” amount, but she knows that the volunteering and additional funding raised by the organizations/foundations is significant and she is grateful to work with this community.
  - Monika concludes by taking a moment to deeply thank everyone for their commitment and support to our schools.
  
  - Additional discussion about use of the additional VAPA funds and staffing, and ways to recruit, share and get the specified VAPA teachers that each school needs.
  
  - Dr. Way and Dr. Lawson discuss their plans/ideas for use of the additional VAPA staffing and funds and how they can best improve current programs while still following the rules of how and what the funds can be distributed for. Dr. Way is hoping to be able to add a theater/media technician and Dr. Lawson would like to be able to extend hours for VAPA coaches and then use the allotted 20% on new supplies and hopefully get ceramics started again and fix the existing kiln.
  
  - Christina Liu expresses her gratitude and appreciation for all that Monika has done for our schools and gives a sincere thank you from Dingeman, after getting word of all SDUSD superintendents having been given notice. Christina is hopeful that Monika will reapply as she has such a strong connection, and great relationships with the teachers, families, administration and students in our schools. The sentiment and appreciation is shared by others in the chat.
- V. Goals for 2022-2023
- A. In-person meeting: May Meet and Greet at Scripps Miramar Library Community Room
- Jenny is excited to announce that we will meet in person for the first time in 3 years. Melissa Barbour has reserved the community room at the Miramar Ranch library for May 17 at 4:30.
  - Clarification that it will be held at the Scripps Miramar Ranch public library located across from Miramar Lake, not Miramar Ranch Elementary library.
  - Melissa adds that the community room has a kitchen attached, and to let her know if there are any other needs for the meeting.

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### B. Continue Discussion of Future Goals

- Jenny acknowledges that the year went by quickly and we will return to conversation about standards-based grading, as we had such a big turn-out at the last meeting regarding the same.

### VI. Roundtable

- Audra Rosenberg shares her enthusiasm for the great presentation that Dr. Way brought to Marshall by Rocky Herron, a retired DEA agent. It was an extremely impactful presentation and not only was she impressed at the presentation for the parents, but her son and his friends were also talking about it. She would like to spread the word about his work and hopefully get more presentations in Scripps Ranch.
- Dr. Way acknowledges the kind words and shares that he has seen Rocky's presentation make a difference at another school. Dr. Way recruited Rocky Herron for a 6th and 8th grade presentation because the 7th graders receive a District provided program from UCSD.
- Discussion about Rocky Herron planning a community-wide event. Dr. Lawson has reached out to Dr. Way for the information so that Rocky may be able to present at the High School.
- [www.rockyherron.com](http://www.rockyherron.com)
- Tamara Hurley touches on Russ Sperling's comments and warns that it could be a bumpy road due to taxes, timelines, revisions and complications.

### VII. Meeting Adjourned 5:25 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Angie Couvrette, as substitute for Mary Corbett, on April 4, 2023*