

**Welby Way Site Action Council Meeting**  
**November 29, 2005 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Gigi Edler, Jennifer Yoo, Marcia Koff, Nilla Brown, Mauricio Aranda, Ken Keyser, Ramon Olivares, Kelly Benning, Mary Beth Mayhew, Gina Goodman, Sandra Watson, Brad Blick, Chris Doan, Renu Jain, Susie Wong, Jessica Chavez, Cory Hacker, Jody Weissler.

Mauricio Aranda moved to accept the minutes from last meeting; Seconded by Ken Keyser.

**Welby Way News and Technology Update – Jody Weissler:** Handout distributed. Presentation of the closed circuit TV system, Welby’s news program, and Welbyway.org. Computers in classroom are being used mostly for research and content creation. The computer lab is now running programs more from the internet rather than from purchased programs on cd’s. Students are participating in an internet simulated stock trading game (currently we have a team that is 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 68 competing teams). Faculty is involved in an online group that facilitates lesson planning, idea sharing, collaboration, etc. Brief discussion of possibility of individual teacher websites. Parent Barry Cohen is our volunteer webmaster.

**Teacher and learning center website – Marcia Koff:** Parents, students and teachers can access this research site. All sites have been approved and are run by reputable entities. There will be a link from welbyway.org. Site license will be available for two years. “DISRICT 1” is the password; all info for accessing the site will be in the Beeline.

**Welby Way Art Studio – Renu Jain:** For the fourth grade. This is not merely an “arts and crafts” workshop, but a comprehensive art education program. Half a class at a time comes for one hour per week. Draws out the creative side of the student, using education in elements of art, art mediums and styles from around the world, research of artists and their styles, printmaking, clay making (we have a kiln), and more. Students have been participating in worldwide art competitions. Visit at welbywayart.org.

**Report on Lockdown Exercise and Fire Drill – Marcia Koff:** Safety committee met and made sure that supplies were provided for the lockdown. Kits were prepared and distributed to each classroom in case of a lockdown. Fire drill was a success. Explanation of how teachers are notified of emergencies (cell phone tree, regular phones, closed-circuit TV, etc.)

**Special Education Policies and Guidelines – Jennifer Yoo:** IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) discussed. New policy guide covers preschool through high school. Discussion of what is required of schools; teachers were trained on it today. Currently we have 49 special education students receiving a variety of services.

**STAR testing – Gigi Edler:** Handout of results of last year’s standardized test (CST). Mrs. Edler asks teachers to rank their students from highest achieving to lowest. This is an important tool that helps the teacher focus on the needs of each student so that students can be targeted for intervention.

**California Distinguished Schools Document – Gigi Edler:** Welby was designated a Distinguished School in 1998; then became a Blue Ribbon school in 2001. Applying for this distinction is a good tool for examining the school’s programs, curriculum, etc. Site Council was asked to review a portion of the draft. Final draft is due Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Forty-one schools in District 1 qualify to apply for this distinction. Qualification is based on API and AYP scores.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.