

**Welby Way School Site Council**  
**September 18, 2007 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Dustin Merritt, Jennifer Yoo, Tricia Douglas, Kathy Gean, Brandi Boyle, Theresa Gale, Joyce Lin, Johanna Johnston, Frank Tizari, Claudia Vito, Debra Shallman-Blick, Jennifer King, Mary Beth Mayhew, Mauricio Aranda, Cindy Roberts, Ramon Olivares, Kelly Benning

**Site Council Orientation** - Carmen Johnson (Local District 1 Rep): Handout “Orientations and Elections”. Video presentation to review guidelines and regulations that govern the SSC election. October 16<sup>th</sup> will be election; October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be training for the officers.

**New Science Adoption – Dustin Merritt:** Handout of “spiraling standards” that the new FOSS (Full Option Science System) science kits are based on. Science will be experiment-based, rather than textbook-based. CD has lesson plans, tests, worksheets, etc. There is a life science, earth science, and physical science module for each grade, aligning the curriculum to the standards. The FOSS kits have been highly recommended by some of our staff.

**New Business – Dustin Merritt:** Payroll system problems have had minimal impact on our staff. Concern was expressed about the district’s intent to have BTS take over our budget.

District Validation review – Jennifer Yoo: DVR is an audit of the special education program. The district is under a consent decree to meet 17 outcomes; Welby Way has consistently met them all.

Budget has not yet been completely released to us by the District; exact numbers should be forthcoming. Discussion of loss of teachers due to declining enrollment and budget concerns.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**October 16, 2007      Site Council Elections**  
**October 23, 2007      Training for new SSC officers**