

SOUL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Sanctuary Recreation Room
2336 Calaveras Street
Fresno, CA 93721
Tuesday October 17, 2023
8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Page</u>
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Dr. Terry Allen		
2. <u>COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE</u>	Dr. Terry Allen		1
3. <u>ROLL CALL</u>	Commissioner Rodgers		
4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> September 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes	Dr. Terry Allen	Approve	2
5. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within jurisdiction but not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes).			
6. <u>MEMBERSHIP SUB COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	Dr. Terry Allen	Approval	5
7. <u>SOUL UPDATE: PRINCIPAL REPORT</u>	Susan Lopez	Information	7
8. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023.	Dr. Terry Allen		
9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>			

Community Action Promise

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



**FRESNO EOC SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING
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MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order by Dr. Terry Allen 8:35 a.m.
2. Community Action Promise
Susan Lopez guided the Governing Council in reading the Community Action Promise.
3. Roll call facilitated by Commissioner Rodgers.

Voting Members	Present	Excused	Absent	Staff	Present	Excused	Absent	Non-Voting Member	Present	Excused	Absent	Guests	
Terry Allen, Ed.D., Chair, Retired Teacher Representative	X			Jack Lazzarini		X		Felicia Olais				X	Halle Overton, Student
Benita Washington, Vice Chair, FSU Social Worker Representative	X			Cha Vang		X							Kassandra Saavedra, Student
Jimi Rodgers, Secretary, Fresno EOC Commissioner	X			Michelle Tutunjian	X								Lucy Luttrell, Parent
Larry Metzler, Cultural Arts Rotary Interact Club Advisor			X	Emilia Reyes		X							Alyssa De La Teja, FSU Social Work Intern
Jeanne Starks, Retired Law Enforcement Juvenile Probation	X												
Julio Romero, EOC Health Services	X												
Brittney Angeles	X												
Steven Taylor, Fresno EOC Commissioner	X												
Parent Rep			X										
Student Rep's (2) Alternate Student Rep													
Susan Lopez, Staff Representative, Principal	X												
Rena Failla, Staff Representative, Guidance Coordinator	X												
Courtney Griffin, Staff Representative, Guidance Dean	X												
Ly Ngin, Staff Representative, College and Career Counselor	X												
Sandy Lomelino, Staff Representative, Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction	X												
Nicholas Rodriguez, Teacher Representative,	X												
Patricia Billeadeau, Interact Representative	X												

4. Board Training: Brown Act and Fair Political Practice Act

Kenneth J. Price from the Firm of Baker Manock and Jensen, Attorneys at Law, presented a comprehensive training on the Brown Act and Fair Political Act through a power point presentation. Governing Council Members received a copy of the presentation for their records. Areas of training included: Senate Bill 126, Ed Code section 47604.1 that requires compliance with Brown Act, Public Records Act, Government code 1090, (iv) Political Reform Act and (v) ethics training. The Governing Council Members are required to complete this training every 2 years to remain in compliance. Council members voiced appreciation of the thorough training provided by Mr. Price.

5. Public Comments

Terry Allen shared with the Council about the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall, Fresno County Lecture Series. The series meets on Wednesday once a month and is designed for high school students to participate. Jimi Rodgers and Jeanne Starks commented on how excellent the program and speakers are. SOUL will plan field trips for our students to attend.

6. Approval of Minutes

May 9, 2023 Governing Council Meeting Minutes.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Lopez **Second by:** Rodgers

Ayes: Allen, Washington, Failla, Taylor, Rodriguez, Griffin, Starks, Ngin, Lomelino, Romero, Billeadeau

Nays: None

7. Independent Study Board Policy & Independent Study Policies and Procedures

Susan Lopez presented the Independent Study Board Policy & Independent Policies and Procedures for approval. The Independent Study Policies and Procedures reflect an annual date change.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Starks **Second by:** Taylor

Ayes: Allen, Failla, Rodriguez, Griffin, Ngin, Lomelino, Lopez, Billeadeau, Romero, Washington, Rodgers

Nays: None

8. 2023-24 Parent Involvement Policy

Lopez presented the Parent Involvement Policy for approval. As a requirement of Title I funding, each year SOUL updates its Annual Parent Involvement Policy, which defines times, dates and agendas for scheduled parent meetings to be held during the 2023-2024 school year.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Starks **Second by:** Billeadeau

Ayes: Allen, Rodgers, Taylor, Rodriguez, Griffin, Ngin, Lomelino, Lopez, Washington, Romero, Failla

Nays: None

9. 2023-24 Student/Parent Handbook

Lopez presented the 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook for approval. She reported that the Student/Parent handbook is updated annually. Each parent receives a copy of the handbook during orientation, which provides pertinent information and explains procedures to be followed, in order to maintain a safe environment for academic progress.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Taylor **Second by:** Griffin

Ayes: Allen, Failla, Rodriguez, Rodgers, Ngin, Lomelino, Lopez, Billeadeau, Washington, Romero, Starks

Nays: None

10. 2023-24 Professional Development Plan

Lopez reported that the annual Professional Development Plan each year is designed to help teachers increase student learning and the number of SOUL graduates. All proposed professional development activities are supported through eligible Federal Title I and Title II funding.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Rodgers **Second by:** Lomelino

Ayes: Allen, Failla, Taylor, Rodriguez, Griffin, Starks, Ngin, Lopez, Billeadeau, Romero, Washington

Nays: None

11. May Meeting Date Change

Lopez shared that she would like to change the May meeting date from Tuesday, May 14, 2024 to May 21, 2024. The current May meeting date is too close to the April meeting date. Jimi Rodgers made a motion to approve May 21st as long as there is an option to have an emergency meeting on June 4th if necessary for various California Department of Education grant deadlines.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Rodgers **Second by:** Taylor

Ayes: Allen, Failla, Washington, Rodriguez, Griffin, Starks, Ngin, Lomelino, Lopez, Billeadeau, Romero

Nays: None

12. Other Business

- Lopez distributed the September Principal's report and briefly reported on the attendance for both the Classroom-based and Independent Study programs.
- There was discussion regarding SOUL's Charter Material Revision, as SOUL would like to move forward with the modifications to eliminate the classroom-based program and become a 100% Independent Study program. Ed Tec will be contracted to write the Material Revision proposal. The Council asked pertinent questions and provided positive feedback and support of the proposed changes to the charter petition.
- The Council discussed the information presented on the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) testing and goals.
- Courtney Griffin shared that SOUL is the only Charter school in the valley that has a contract with the food bank. SOUL students are able to take a bag of groceries home each week. The food bank will replenish the "Bee Hive" once a month.
- Approximately 40 students are involved with SOUL's Interact Club.

Terry Allen announced that the next Governing Council meeting will be held, Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am

Submitted by Commissioner Jimi Rodgers, SOUL Governing Council Secretary

SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING GOVERNING COUNCIL

Date: October 18, 2022	Program: School of Unlimited Learning
Agenda Item #: 4	Director: Susan Lopez
Subject: Membership Sub-Committee Report	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Council approval of the Membership Sub-Committee Report

Background

The SOUL Membership Subcommittee meets in the Fall of each year to review the current Governing Council membership and to discuss possible new members in the event of openings. The Subcommittee reports its findings to the SOUL Governing Council for approval in October.

Fiscal Impact

None

Conclusion

The SOUL Membership Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The Sub-Committee discussed the current Governing Council membership and concluded that the Membership Sub-Committee would like to remove three SOUL staff positions from the Governing Council membership. This action would more appropriately balance the robust and diverse group of community leaders that reflect Section 1 of Article IV of SOUL’s By-Laws.

SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING
Governing Council Membership Committee Meeting
October 10, 2023

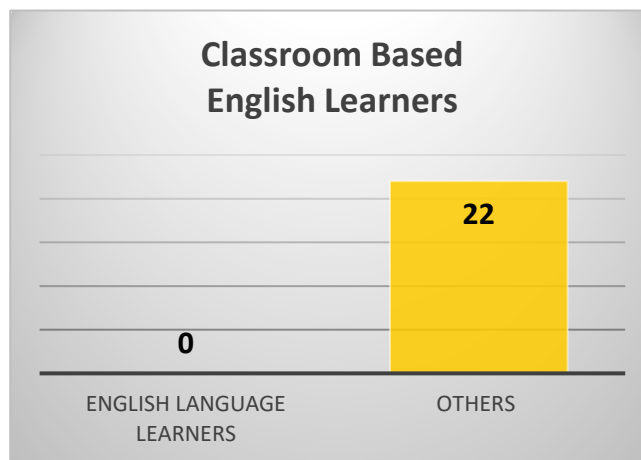
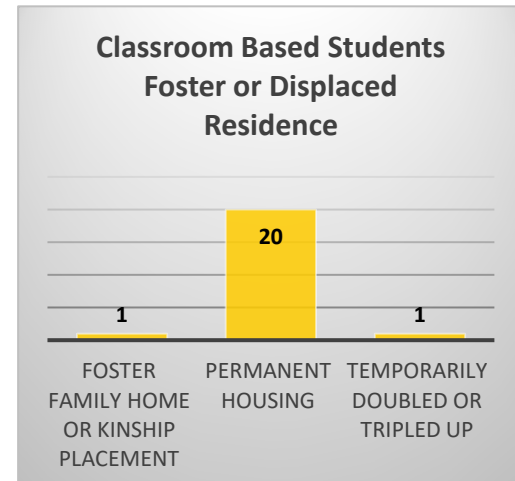
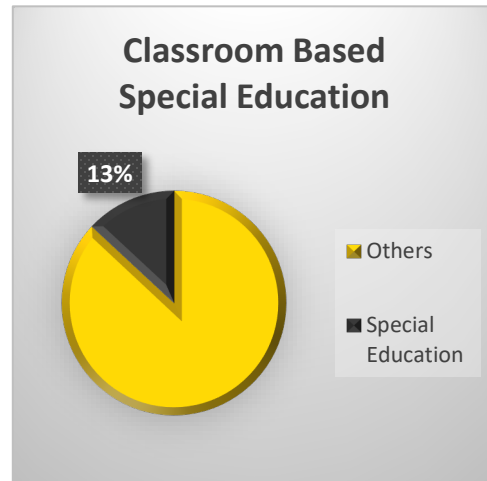
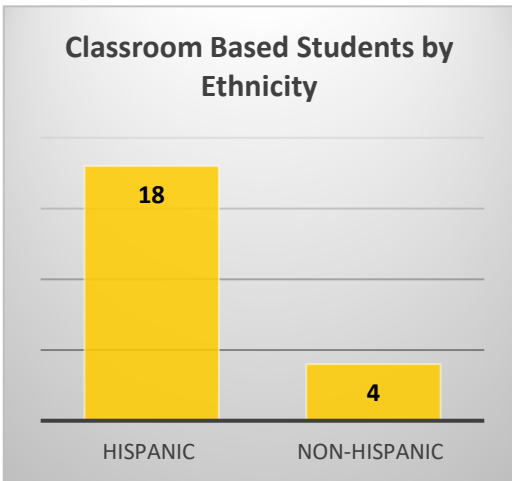
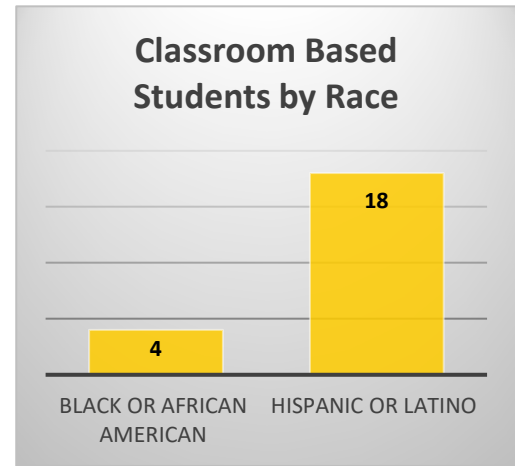
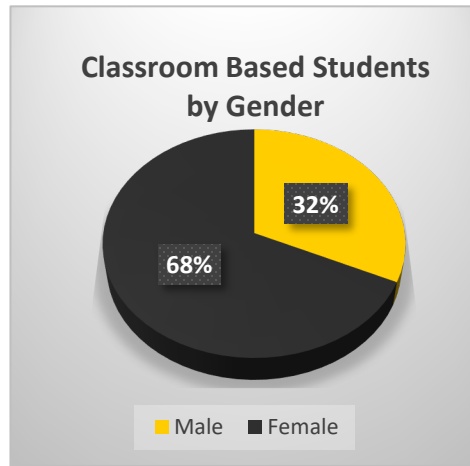
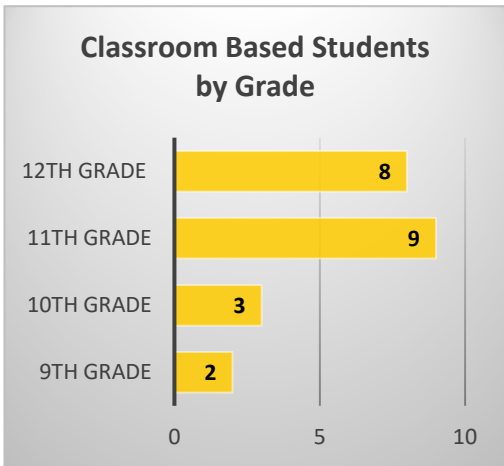
Minutes

The Membership Committee met on Tuesday; October 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Dr. Terry Allen, Susan Lopez and Marilyn Wheeler.

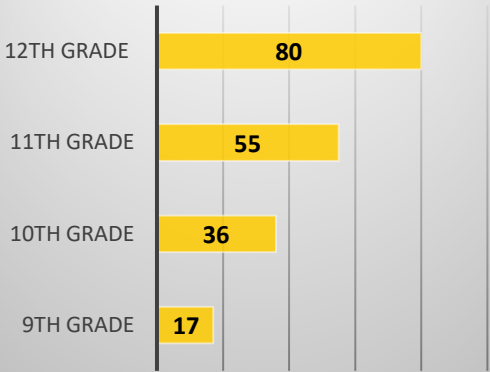
The Membership Committee discussed the current membership of the Governing Council and concluded that the ratio of SOUL staff to community members could give the perception that SOUL staff members control the majority vote. Currently, there are seven (7) SOUL staff on the Governing Council, seven (7) community members and three (3) parent/student representatives.

The Membership Sub-Committee would like to reduce the total amount of SOUL staff positions to four (4). This action would more appropriately balance the robust and diverse group of community leaders that reflect Section 1 of Article IV of SOUL's By-Laws. The Membership Sub-Committee is still interested in expanding the Governing Council to include a representative from local Law Enforcement or the Juvenile Justice system. Reducing staff voting positions would also decrease the possibility of any perception that staff could unduly influence voting decisions.

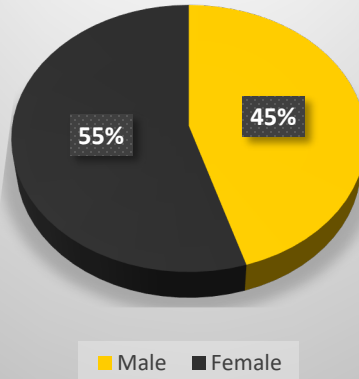
The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



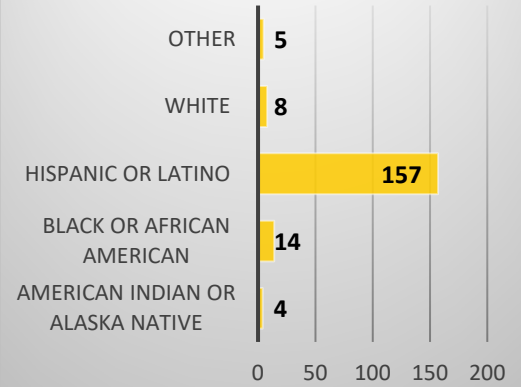
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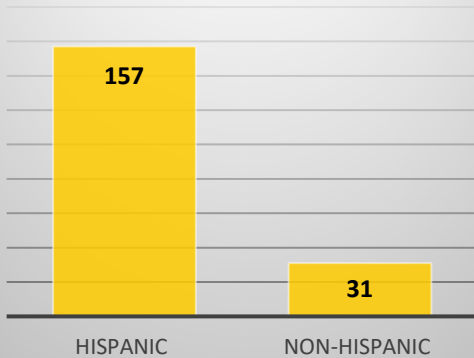
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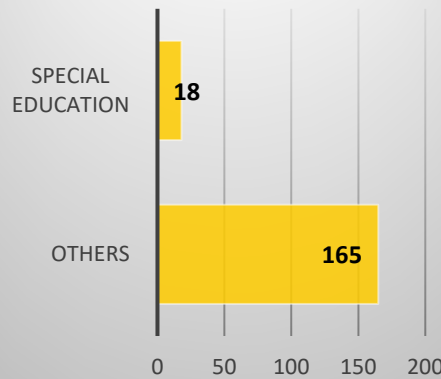
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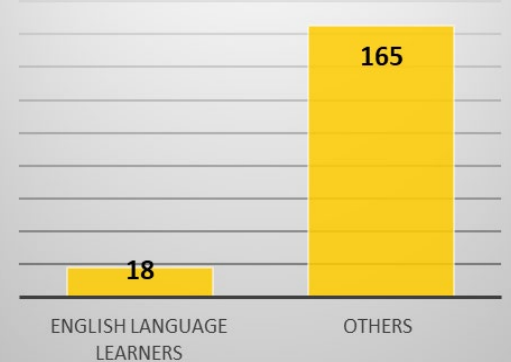
Independent Students by Ethnicity



Independent Study Special Education



Independent Study English Learners



Independent Study Students Foster or Displaced Residence

