



# Southern Oregon Success Academy

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## SOSA Site Council November 2023

**Members Present:** Michal Herzog, Leslie Henriques, Zandra Jansma, Bailey Reed, Candice Currier, Cassie Banuelos, Janee Strauss and McKenna Bartell

**Absent:**

**Welcome:**

**Old Business:** [Review Old Business.](#)

**Duties:**

1. The development of plans to improve the professional growth of the school's staff;
2. The improvement of the school's instructional program;
3. The development and coordination of plans for the implementation of programs at the school in accordance with Oregon's Educational Act for the 21st Century;
4. Advising the Board in the development of a plan for school safety and student discipline under ORS 339.333.
5. Provide information and feedback to the Board.

**New Business:**

**Culture and Climate:**

1. What is happening:
  - a. Bowling Night - December 15, 2023 from 6-9 pm
    - i. Pizza/Soda/cookie tray provided by SOSA
    - ii. \$5.00 per bowler and they get 5 tickets to enter to win prizes

iii. Prize Ideas:

1. SOSA clothing articles.
2. Gift baskets (Staff volunteered to make a basket).
3. Gift cards.

iv. [Literal App](#)

1. Bookclub. Need to create a brochure/flyer for the bowling event/family night.
2. Student Council: Where are we on this?
  - a. 8 students in different levels. Meeting on Mondays, once a month.
  - b. Ideas: Field trips, incentives, dances, graduation trip, etc.
3. Tutors for Math: Reach out to the other high schools and see if any students want to earn work experience credit for tutoring SOSA Students. Zandra will connect with counselors.
4. Other ideas for student involvement? Be attitudes of SOSA, be kind, helpful, etc. Nomination from students towards others who follow the beatitudes. Teach it to students (fill the bucket). Send a survey out to staff about what it would be like.

**Safety:**

1. Concerns over any safety issues? Practiced Secure and secure in place.

**Family Involvement:**

1. Ideas: Get van/bus for IV students/parents for events happening in Grants Pass. Is this something we need to pursue? Janee will look into it.
2. Bring a parent to school day. Students cook for their parents. Invite them to a rewards banquet.

**Student Success/Lifelong Learners:**

1. IXL - Program kick off. Testing every student to see their levels.
2. New staff:
  - a. Certified: Gina Valenzuela - Start date of Dec 1, 2023.
  - b. Classified: Kirsten Edwards - Has started and is doing student success data.
  - c. New Hire: Taryn McCallan - Student re-engagement
3. Permit class with Ms. Bailey - report:
  - Ideas to get students more engaged:
    - a. Box cars for demonstrations
    - b. Remote control cars
    - c. Guest Speaker: Deputy Konieczny

4. VoTech for next semester. Class beginning Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The class schedule would be:
- Tuesday and Thursday
  - 8:30-11:40am - In order to get everything accomplished, this schedule will have to be closely adhered to.
  - The final class would be Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> with no classes during Spring Break.
  - Successful graduates will receive a certification from 71Five that they are 'apprentice-ready'.
  - Graduating seniors will receive help from our Case Manager to develop next steps toward their careers.
  - We will be able to host up to 12 students.
    - A lot of students will sign up and not stick so we should recruit more than 12 to start.
  - VoTech would really work better with students who are 16 and older due to maturity and behavior issues.
  - Offer elective credit for this class.
  - Bailey will check on information they can provide (brochure/flyer) to send to online students and possibly offering a demonstration presentation at SOSA.

**Other items to discuss:**

1. Please review our Tile 1 documents:
  - a. [SOSA 2023/2024 Student/Parent/Teacher Compact](#)
  - b. [SOSA School wide plan](#)
2. Fundraising ideas;
3. Slogan for shirts for student;
4. Newsletter;
5. Future activities, dances, etc.

**Next meeting date and time:** Dec 20, 2023 at 1:00pm