



Southern Oregon Success Academy

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SOSA Site Council Minutes - January 12, 2026

Members Present: Michael Herzog, Zandra Jansma, Jessica DeKruiger and Gina Valenzuela

Absent: Summer Brown, Corrie Baldwin and Kirstey Forsey

Old Business: Review [Old Business 12/17/25](#)

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. PY+ monthly activities: We celebrated the end of 1st semester with rootbeer floats.
2. Core Values: We have a team working on posters that display our core values.
3. T-shirt/hoodie giveaway: We gave away extra SOSA gear we had from previous years to our students.
4. Bean Bag Toss and Whole Food Thursdays: On Thursdays a selected student gets a chance to toss the bean bag and win \$20 for demonstrating one of our core values. This month's core value is Be The Best You. In addition, we recognize students who have perfect attendance and they get a donut reward.
5. The students worked on the board appreciation project with the help of Ms. Edwards.

Safety:

1. No concerns at this time.

Family Involvement:

1. We invited our families to our Stay & Play Day at Merlin. Our featured game is Bunco.

Student Success/Lifelong Learners:

1. Greyback was at the Merlin Campus for a career presentation.
2. Students are taking a driver's education course.
3. February Field Trip will be a reward for students who are on track with 92% attendance and no behaviors.

Other items to discuss:

1. None.

Miscellaneous:

Please review our Tile 1 documents:

- a. [Student/Parent/Teacher Compact](#)
- b. [SOSA T1A Schoolwide Plan](#)

Next meeting date and time: 2/9/2026