



# Southern Oregon Success Academy

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## SOSA Site Council Minutes - October 15, 2025

**Members Present:** Michael Herzog, Zandra Jansma, Jessica DeKruiger, Gina Valenzuela, Kirsty Forsey and Corrie Baldwin

**Absent:** Summer Brown

**Old Business:** Review [Old Business 9/17/25](#)

### **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: This month we are doing a Halloween Spirit week. Flyer goes out on October 16th. All campuses will participate and there will be a daily winner for the best dressed at each campus.
2. 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 Resilient. In addition, we recognize students who have perfect attendance and they get a donut reward.

3. SOSA received a Student Enrichment Grant in the amount of \$1,000 from JCF for our Community Flower Garden we are calling Seeds of Kindness.
4. Prom is set for May 9th at the Fruitdale Grange.

**Safety:**

1. We got new entry locks on the doors.
2. Gate locks coming soon.

**Family Involvement:**

1. Parent Involvement Nights: We will be doing our Title night in the Spring.
2. Survey Says: We are going to send out a survey to parents and students.

**Student Success/Lifelong Learners:**

1. Ashley from PY+ came to the Merlin campus and did a Resume Building class with our students. Next month she will work with the students at SOSA West.
2. Jessica from PY+ will be working with Kirstie to do an attendance reward for students who have perfect attendance at the SOSA West campus.
3. OSAS: Discussions on how to get students in for testing and ways to find out what motivates them to do well on the tests.

**Other items to discuss:**

1. Chocolate Bar Fundraiser for Prom is off to a great start. The students are excited to participate in the fundraiser.
2. Other fundraising ideas: Silent Auction, Community Yard Sale and Candy Grams?

**Miscellaneous:**

Please review our Tile 1 documents:

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

**Next meeting date and time: 11/19/2025**