



# Southern Oregon Success Academy

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## SOSA Site Council Minutes - November 25, 2025

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

**Absent:** Summer Brown, Corrie Baldwin and Kirstey Forsey

**Old Business:** Review [Old Business 10/15/25](#)

### **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: For the month of December we are doing a Holiday Spirit Week before break (12/15-12/18). All campuses will participate and there will be a daily winner for the best dressed at each campus.
2. SOSA's Holiday meal is scheduled for 12/17. It is in the newsletter and we are inviting the off campus support staff.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. Prom is set for May 9th at the Fruitdale Grange. 90's is the theme this year.
6. World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser: The money we raised is going toward our prom. We gave prizes to the top 3 winners and they will be announced in the December newsletter.
7. We have a private donator that contributes to a SOSA Christmas giveaway. The team will work on goodie bags.

**Safety:**

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

**Family Involvement:**

1. Parent Involvement Night: We are planning on doing our event on April 8th. We are looking at combining bowling with literacy in hopes to get more participation.
2. Survey Says: A survey was shared with the students. We wanted to find out what brings them to school. We only got 19 responses out of 203 students, but one thing that most of the students asked for was more field trips.

**Student Success/Lifelong Learners:**

1. We would like to start implementing the following once a month:
  - a. Field Trip.
  - b. Career Presentation.
  - c. Social/Emotional groups. Ideas include playing games and crafting.
2. Seniors would like a class trip. They are leaning towards a day at the fun center in Medford.
3. We have two students entering the Spelling Bee this year on December 4th.

**Other items to discuss:**

1. 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: 12/17/2025**