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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.

Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting  
Saturday, October 25, 2008  
at St. Marks, Palo Alto

**Called To Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:16 pm by Armin.

**Attendees:** Alan Twigg, Alex Harvey, Armin Busse, Bruce Herbold, Cathy Bertics, Coletta Hill, Jim Passage (P), Juliet Davoren, Kathleen McAdam, Kathy Allen, Lin Pettengill, Linda Henderson, Marianna Harvey, Pat O'Brien, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Tom Winter (P), Trina Merriman

**Guest:** Alex Gray

**New Business**

**1. How many meetings does the Teachers' Committee need in one year?**

Based on the previous meeting (09/20/08) Kathleen requested this agenda item. Since a quorum was not present and we wanted to get the opinions of a large number of teachers, a special meeting was scheduled in conjunction with the teachers' workshop, 10/25/08, in Palo Alto.

The current situation with four meetings could be changed to fewer meetings per year. No significant impact is expected in relationship to agenda items, R&S publications, or Highland Games. Besides the usual Saturday meetings, one Sunday meeting per year is considered. The main suggestion had been to reduce the number of meetings to three per calendar year, but it was also suggested to reduce to two meetings per year.

Every attendee had opportunity to voice an opinion. The possibility of an additional survey to learn how to improve and meet expectations was considered.

**Motion**

Kathleen McAdam moved: "The teachers' committee shall transfer to meet three times a year and to revisit the topic at the meeting in January 2010." Bruce Herbold seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

No further discussion was needed.

**Decision**

All voting members voted in favor of the motion. (16/0/0) Motion carried.

The schedule for three times per year becomes active. The next dates are 01/10/09, 05/09/09, ~10/24/08 (in conjunction with the fall teachers' workshop).

## **2. Teachers' Committee Survey**

### **Motion**

Bruce Herbold moved: "The Teachers' Committee shall survey all of its members on they input on number of meetings per year, choice of weekday, and meeting content." Trina seconded the motion.

### **Decision**

All voting members voted in favor of the motion. (16/0/0) Motion carried.

Patti Cobb and Bruce Herbold had offered to create and conduct the survey and have results by the January meeting. (See also minutes 09/20/08)

## **Moved to adjourn**

### **Motion**

Jim Passage moved "to adjourn the meeting". Kathy Allen seconded the motion.

### **Decision**

All voting members voted in favor of the motion. (16/0/0) Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 03:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Armin Busse, Teachers' Committee Chair.