



# Southern Oregon Success Academy

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## SOSA Site Council Minutes - April 13, 2026

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

**Absent:** Summer Brown and Corrie Baldwin

**Old Business:** Review [Old Business 3/9/26](#)

### **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. The SOSA Work Crew has been working on creating our Seeds of Kindness Community Flower Garden from money we received from a JCF Grant.
2. Mother's Day Flower Project: The student will be making succulent arrangements to bring home to their mothers/guardians.
3. Student Council: Preparing for Prom and Student Panel.
4. Spin the Wheel and Whole Food Thursdays: We switched it up and on Thursdays selected students get a chance to spin the wheel 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.

**Safety:**

1. We received lockdown buckets and they have been placed in the main building, GED and portable.

**Family Involvement:**

1. Literacy Night was well attended. We celebrated the students' reading accomplishments, played literacy trivia, students made bookmarks and buttons and the families were presented with a fresh perspective of the joys of reading and writing. All participants received a bookbag, journal, pen, highlighters and a book to take home. The top three winners selected a series to take home.
2. Title 1: Posters of the Student/Parent/Teacher Compact and Parent Involvement Plan were hung the month of April in the cafe. No one suggested any changes to be made.

**Student Success/Lifelong Learners:**

1. Students are taking a driver's education course with Jessica at PY+.
2. We had several Junior and Seniors participate in the Careers and Gear event.
3. SOSA's Art Contest 2026 contestants will get V-Buck rewards for participation.

**Other items to discuss:**

1. None.

**Miscellaneous:**

Please review our Title 1 documents:

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

**Next meeting date and time: 5/11/2026**