

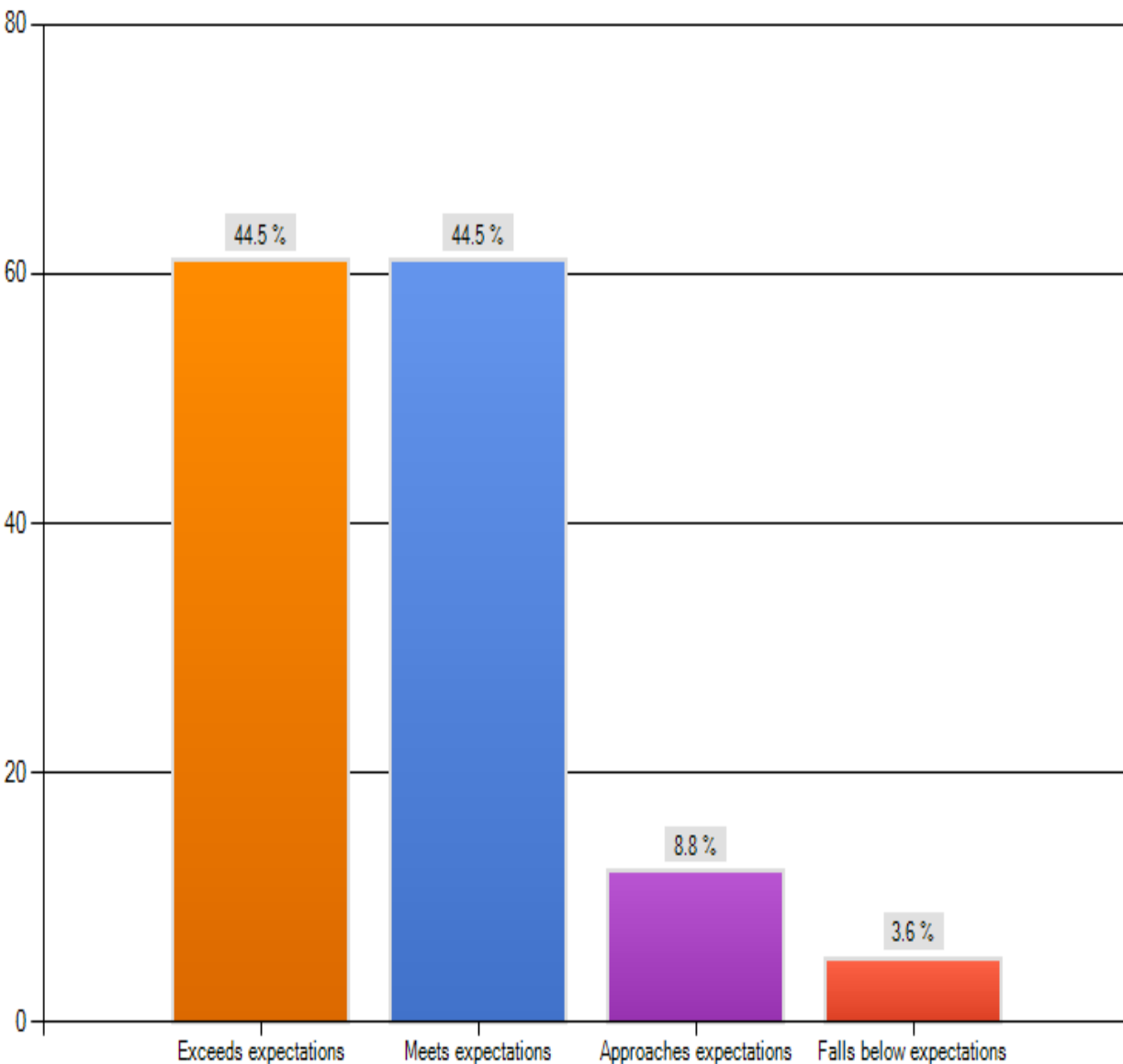
# San Tan Parent Survey

Spring 2011

215 Current Families at San Tan

137 Survey Responses

Dr. Sippel and the STLC administration want to keep in close touch with our parent community. How would you rate the quality of our communications (Principal's Notes, Monthly Calendar, Marquee Signage, Handouts sent home with children)?



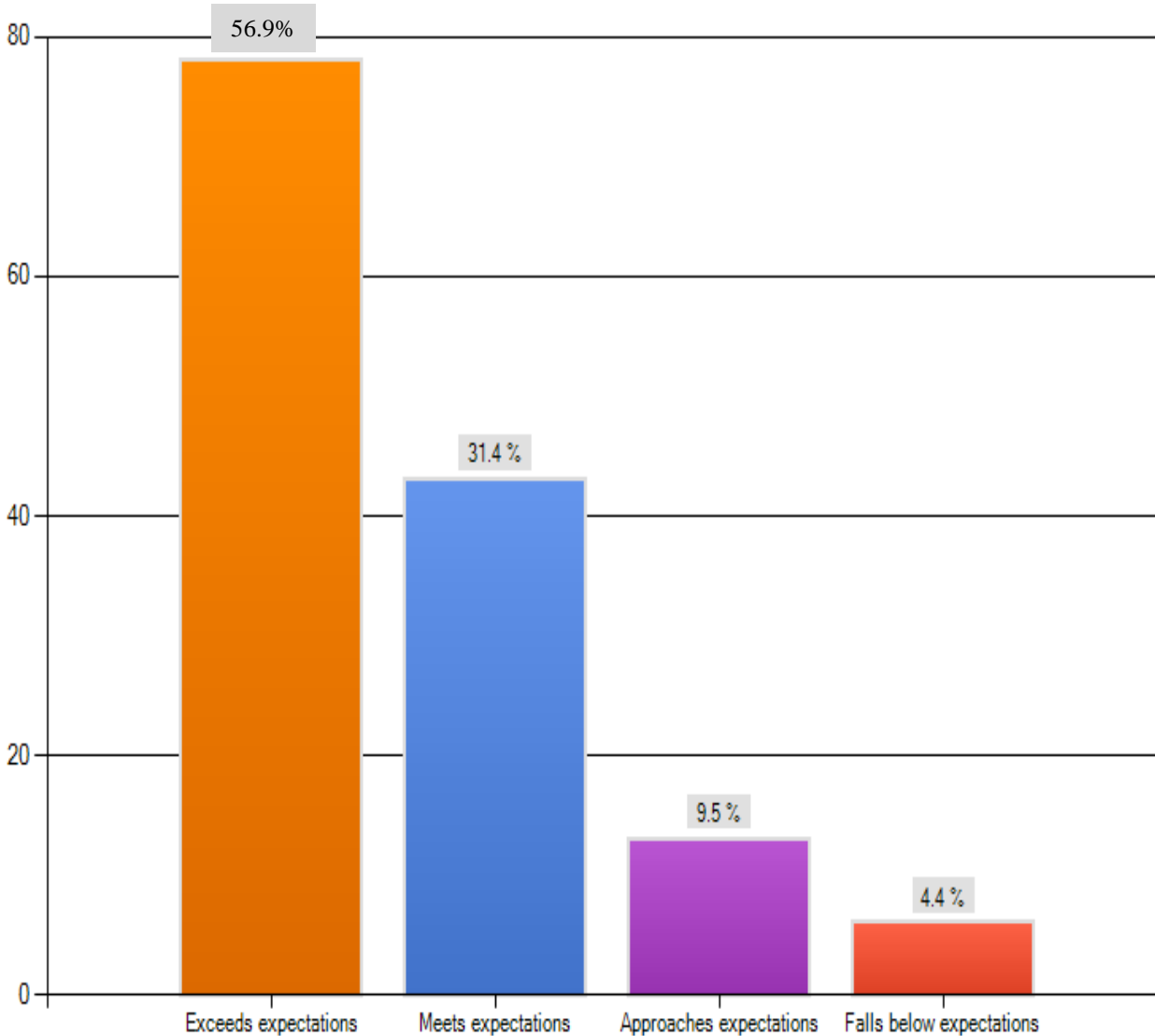
### Positive Comments:

- Emails are helpful/save paper (5)
- I always feel very informed and appreciate it very much!
- I think its great that the principal takes time out of the busy workday to send the notes. Most schools parents never even see the principal, let alone get emails.

### Suggestions:

- More notice and information about events at the school would be helpful. I love all of the events and extra things the school does, I just need a little more info and time to organize schedules.(7)
- Consolidate Information like on a website or newsletter/use calendar parents can sync (CalDev) (2)
- The school's website needs to be updated and then maintained. The website does not reflect / project the wonderful school that STLC is.
- Great communication....except for before the first day of school in the gymnasium when trying to hear about what to expect for the school year. This was all very important items and we missed several of them because we could not hear and it was too chaotic.
- Distinguish clearly between preschool & elementary emails- gets confusing what applies to preschool.
- The exception to this would be about teacher/staff changes. On that topic, communication was poor.

How effectively did your child's teacher communicate via an updated website, weekly emails, and answering any phone call within 24 hours? (If you have more than one child at STLC and your answer varies, please use the comments area.)



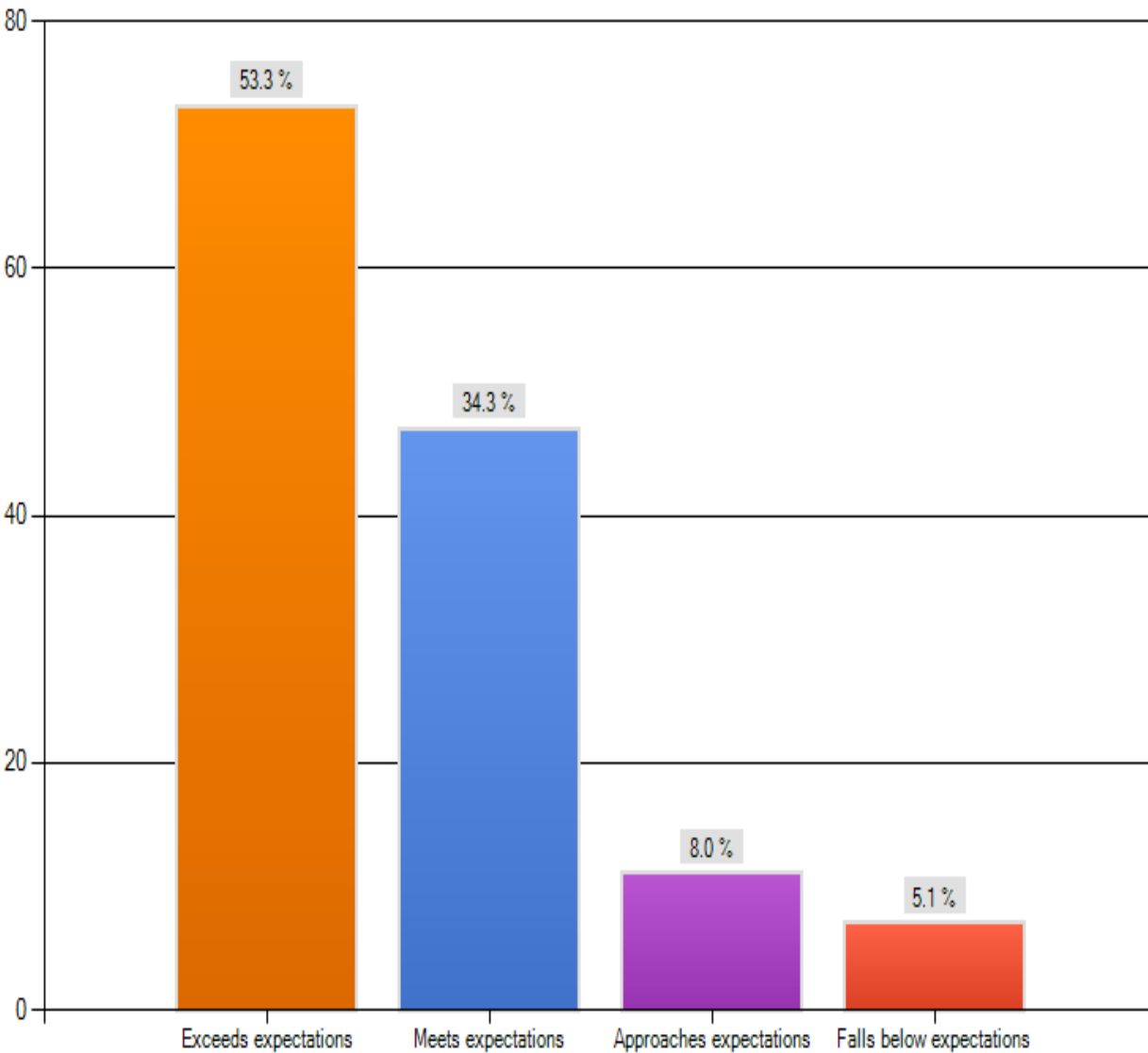
### Positive Comments:

- Teachers communicated well. (5)
- I love the class websites and the daily agendas are such a great tool even though it is low tech.
- The Nothing Book is such a super idea!
- She was very pleasant and thorough in her communications and really gave us a informative glimpse into our child's learning environment by letting us know what they were working on.

### Suggestions:

- The teacher websites could be better and more consistent. (4)
- Response time longer than 24 hours on phone calls. (2)
- I'd like it better if more info was sent to me rather than having to go to different websites to check to see if there was homework or other information available.
- Too much reliance on paper which can and did become lost between point A and point B.
- Increased specificity would be great on website--ie math exam on April 1st.

At San Tan Learning Center all of our students are unique. Has your child's teacher supported your child in accomplishing the goals set in place in the quarterly I.L.P. (Individual Learning Plan)? If you have more than one child and the answer varies, please use the comments area.



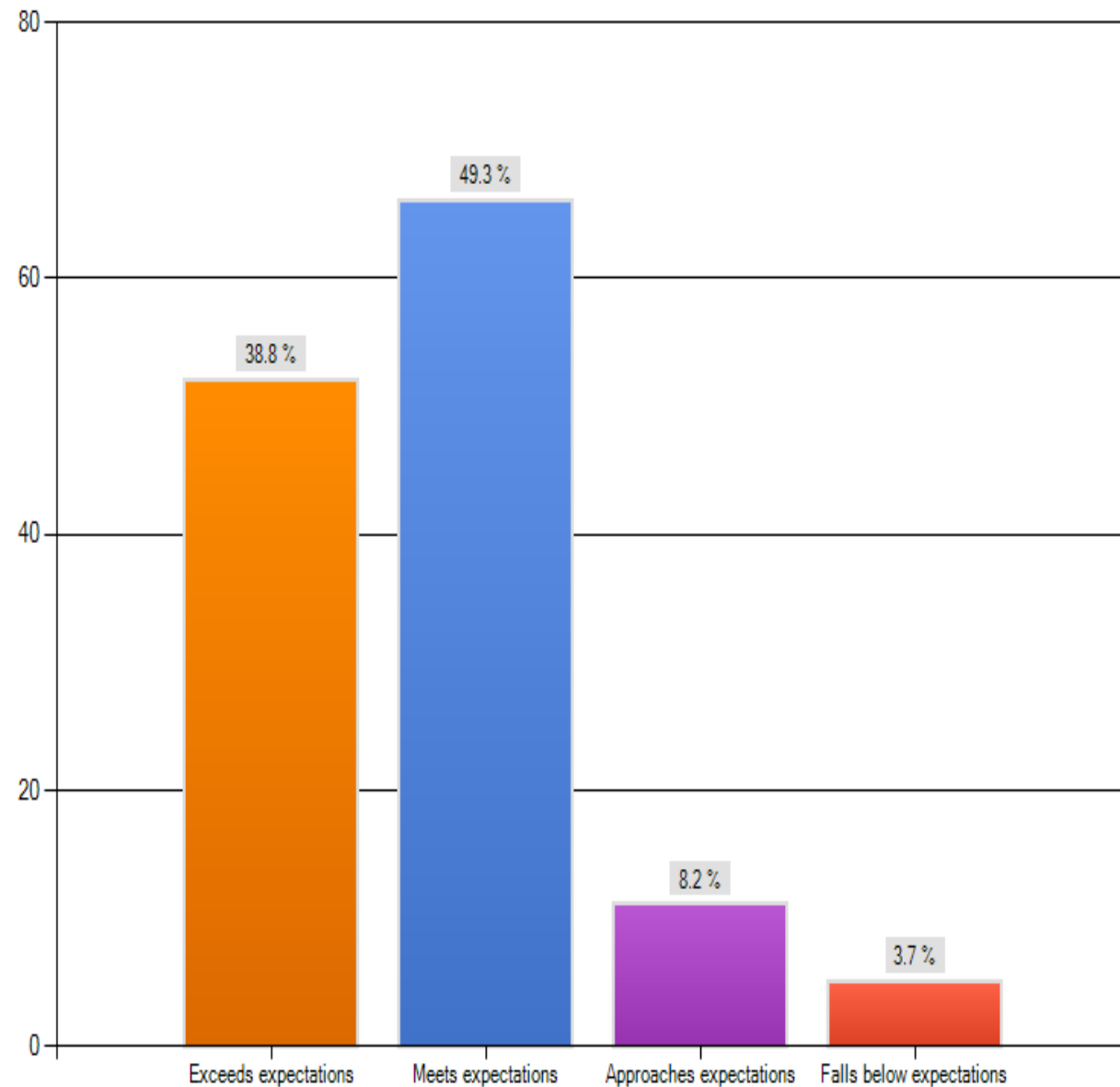
### Positive Comments:

- For both of my children...this was wonderful and one of the strongest qualities that I appreciated.
- The larger the student per teacher ratio becomes the less individual time our children will get-this time was one of the very unique qualities of San Tan, please don't lose it..
- Goals clearly set and attained.

### Suggestions:

- I think it could be better focused.
- We really could use classroom assistants to do the little things so that she can focus on the children more.
- I liked going through this every quarter; however, I felt like it was forgotten about until the next quarter.

## How would you characterize the leveled homework policy (level A, B, or C)?



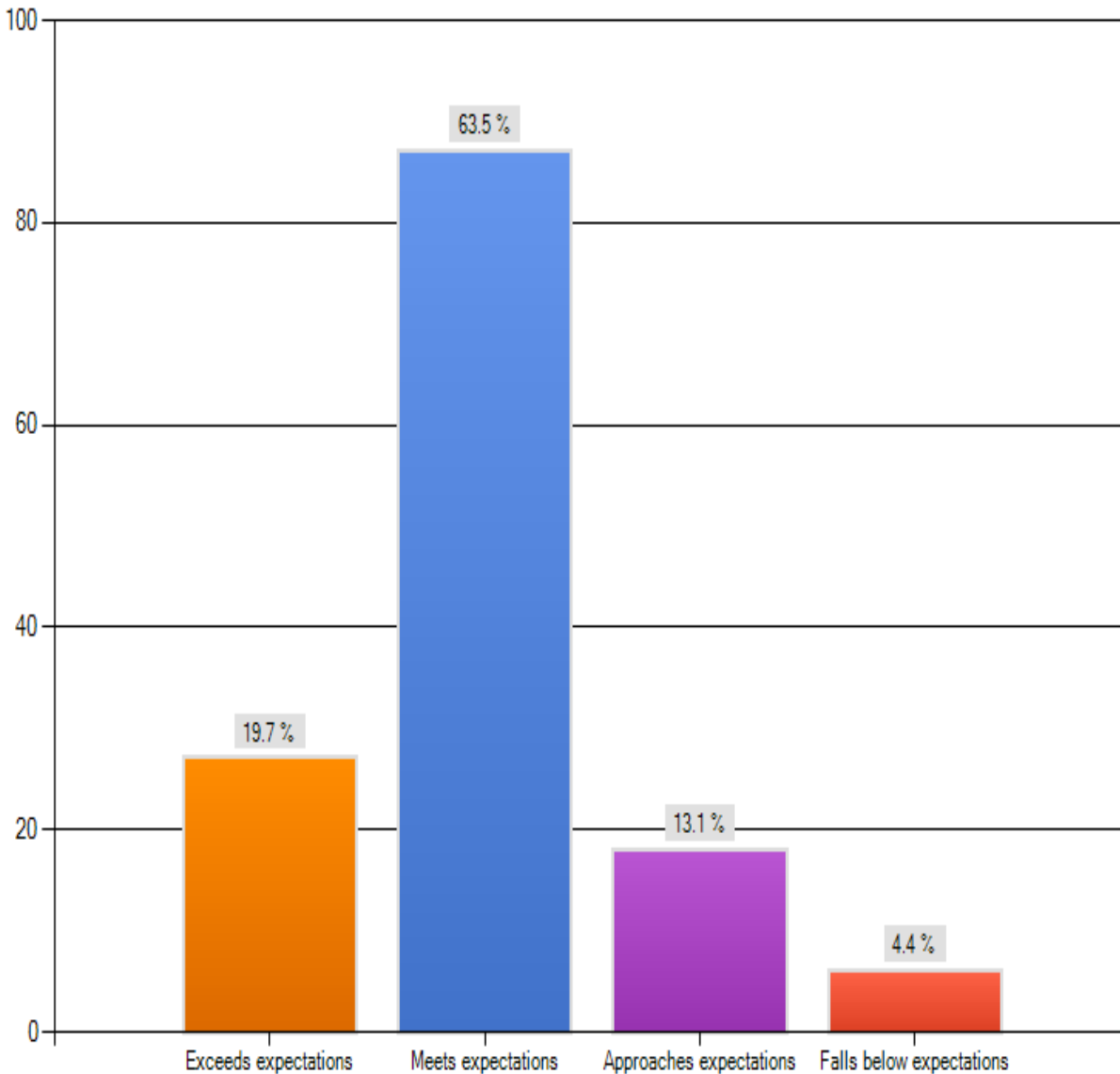
### Positive Comments:

- Great idea! Flexible approach for today's busy families. (2)
- I get to work on what I feel my child needs to work on most and then do the little part of things he is exceeding on. It works very well with our family.
- Good plan -everyone has a different learning style and curve-this was sensitive to all.
- I love having the choice of homework level and the opportunity to change level per ILP and conferences! Please continue this program.

### Suggestions:

- At the beginning of the school year we were told that homework was not a major part of the overall learning process, because San Tan supports family time after school, rather than additional schooling after school. Prefer no homework. (2)
- Agreements established and followed through on except for reading literacy. Reading goals agreed upon were not met.

The San Tan Learning Center facility meets my child's needs. (Facility would mean classroom, gymcafetorium, playground, etc.)



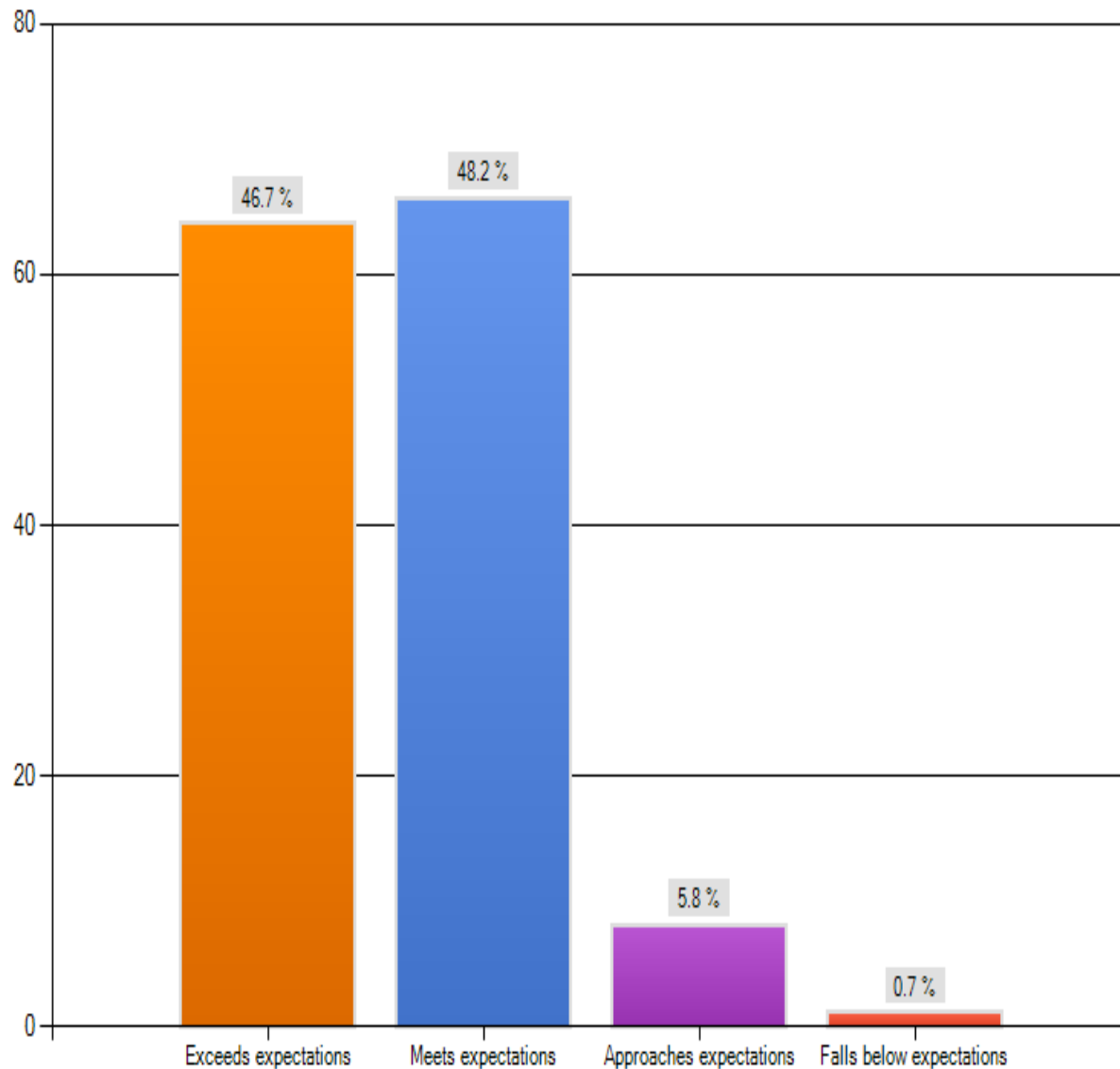
**Positive Comments:**

- I think it is a wonderful facility. The gym is wonderful! The buildings are clean and friendly. The artwork is at child's eye level. The lighting is not too bold or harsh and there is no strange smell anywhere, which can really be a turn off!
- Especially pleased about clubs this year. Great addition and needed.

**Suggestions:**

- Play area is too small- more area needed to run and play (9)
- More outdoor equipment (5)
- Grass on playgrounds (4)
- Shade in pick-up area/ cover for rain (4)
- Classrooms too small for number of students (3)
- Clean the school more frequently- especially with growing numbers (2)
- More tables/chairs for gymcafetorium seating at lunch is crowded.

Funding for our specials programs comes from the contributions we receive via the State Education Tax Credit Program. STLC is able to provide daily physical education, twice weekly music, and weekly Spanish. The specials schedule:



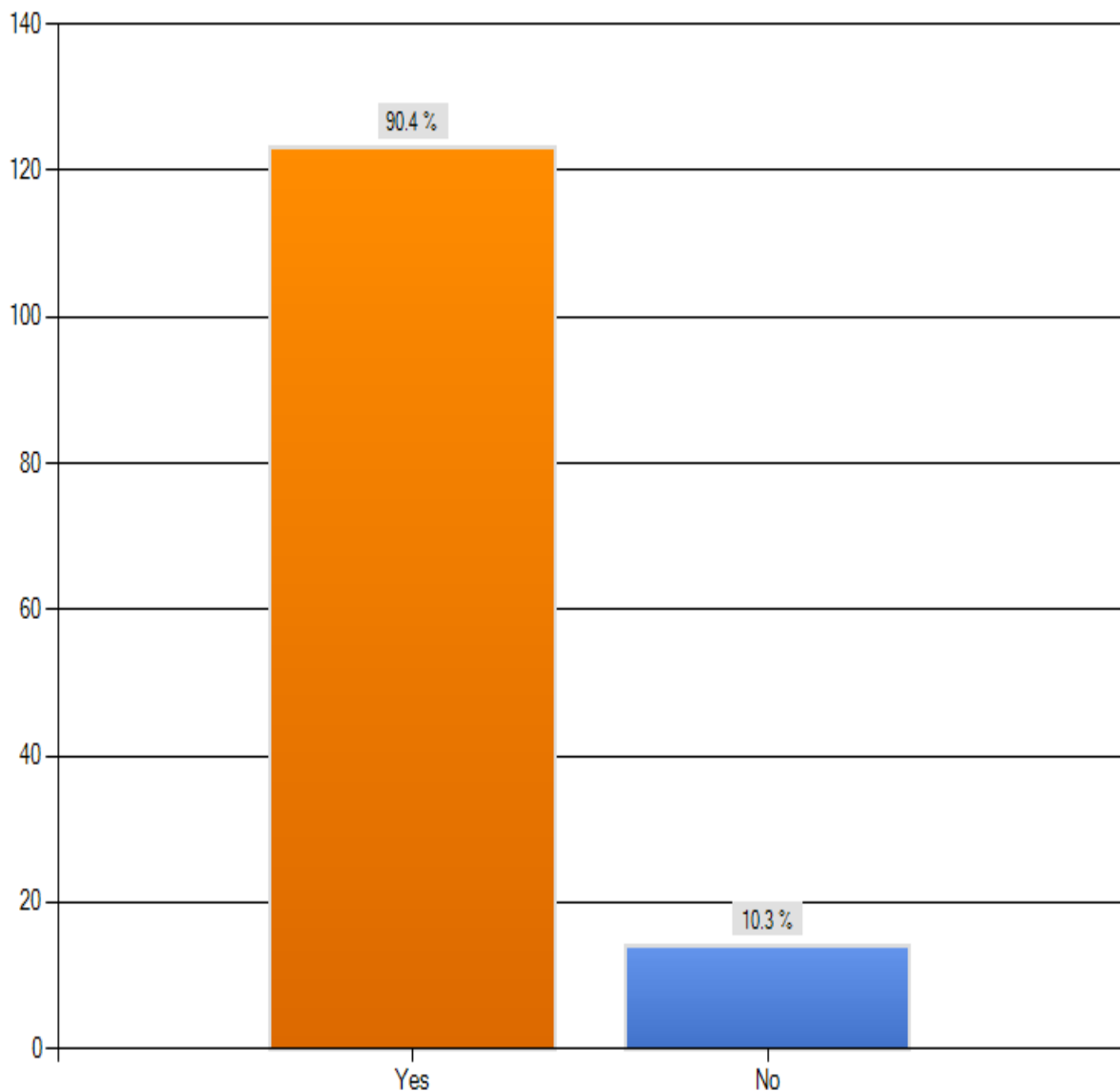
### Positive Comments:

- Please continue these programs. The winter music program was a real example of high level teaching. I was really impressed! The kids really need the PE every day! Please keep up this program. I also like the ability to pay the tax credit monthly. It did take me awhile to understand the program but once I did it made sense and I was all for it. I think they should try to get grandparents involved with this.
- Love that my child gets such engaging specials every day!
- I love the programs, they are great!

### Suggestions:

- I don't know if this would be part of the specials programs or part of the regular curriculum, but I'd like to see more opportunity for the kids to get creative with computers and the things they do on them. The more comfortable the kids can get with computers, the more likely they are to be able to tackle the technology advances in their future.
- I would like to see a more involved Spanish curriculum. (2)
- STLC's students would greatly benefit from an art instructor and art curriculum.

## I felt that my child's physical and emotional safety was of the utmost importance to STLC:



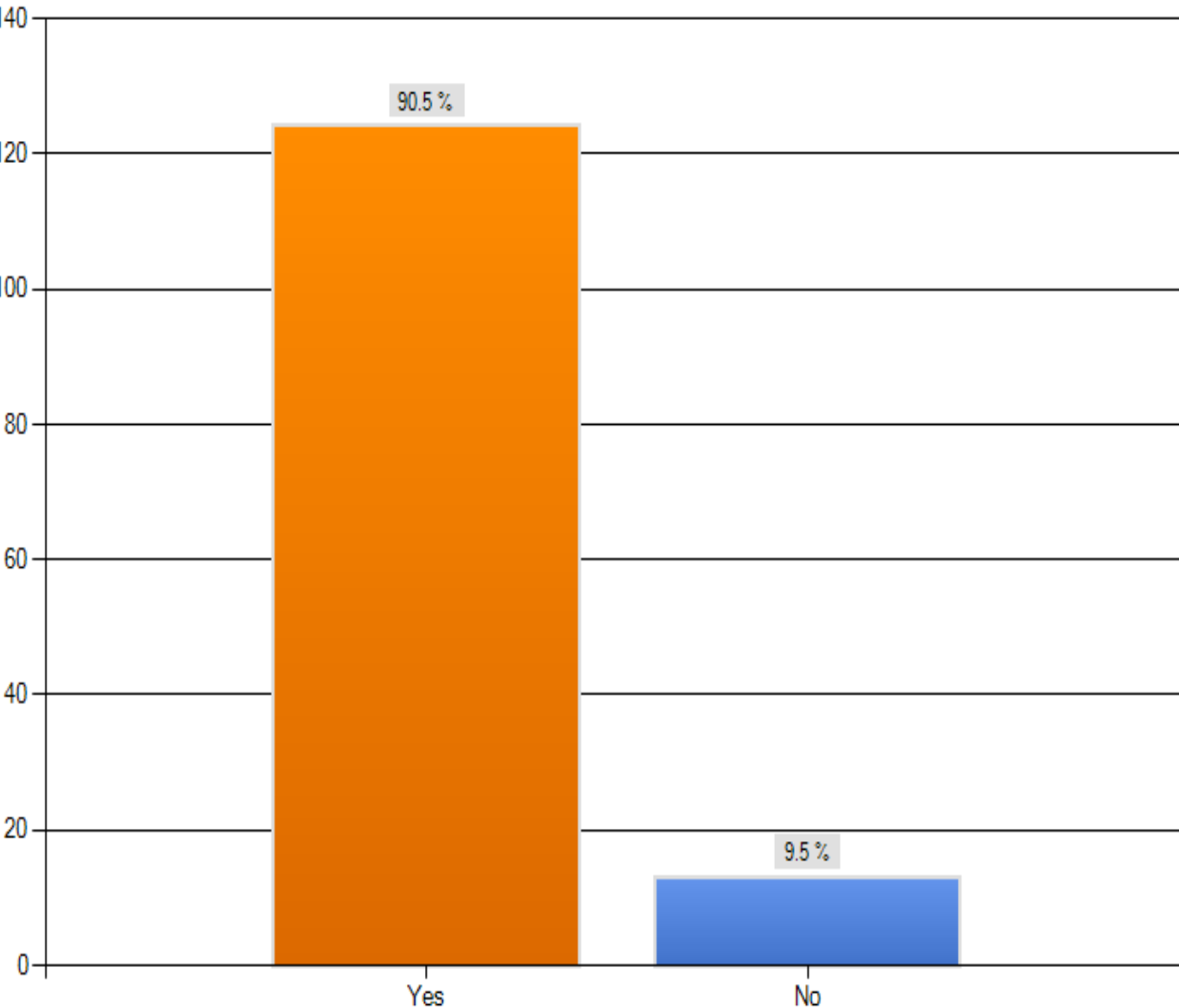
### Positive Comments:

- Yes, I feel safe and my child feels safe. The one time there was a safety issue, it was immediately brought to my attention and was handled very professionally and with a lot of care for my child.
- I was very happy with how they dealt with another child picking/hit my child. It stopped.
- My child has thrived and grown at STLC!
- My daughter has a severe peanut allergy, and the school has bent over backwards to keep her safe.

### Suggestions:

- Would like to see what the emergency plan is and how the communication process works if a lock down becomes necessary.
- After school club pick up not checked by club teachers. Scares me. School is growing so fast and needs more safety measures to protect my child. Too many volunteers not screened or trained that work with my child daily.
- Except when on the play ground. She has been hurt several time because of the boys who are playing (hit in head with ball) as they should but not enough room for them to accomplish separate play time that does not affect each other.
- I have noticed quite a bit of physical contact that is put back on students to solve (Love and Logic style), but I don't think it works in a school setting of 300.

Parents are the greatest partner we have in providing your child with an excellent education. We want you to be involved and feel as connected as your schedule allows. Do you feel like a valuable and necessary partner at San Tan Learning Center?



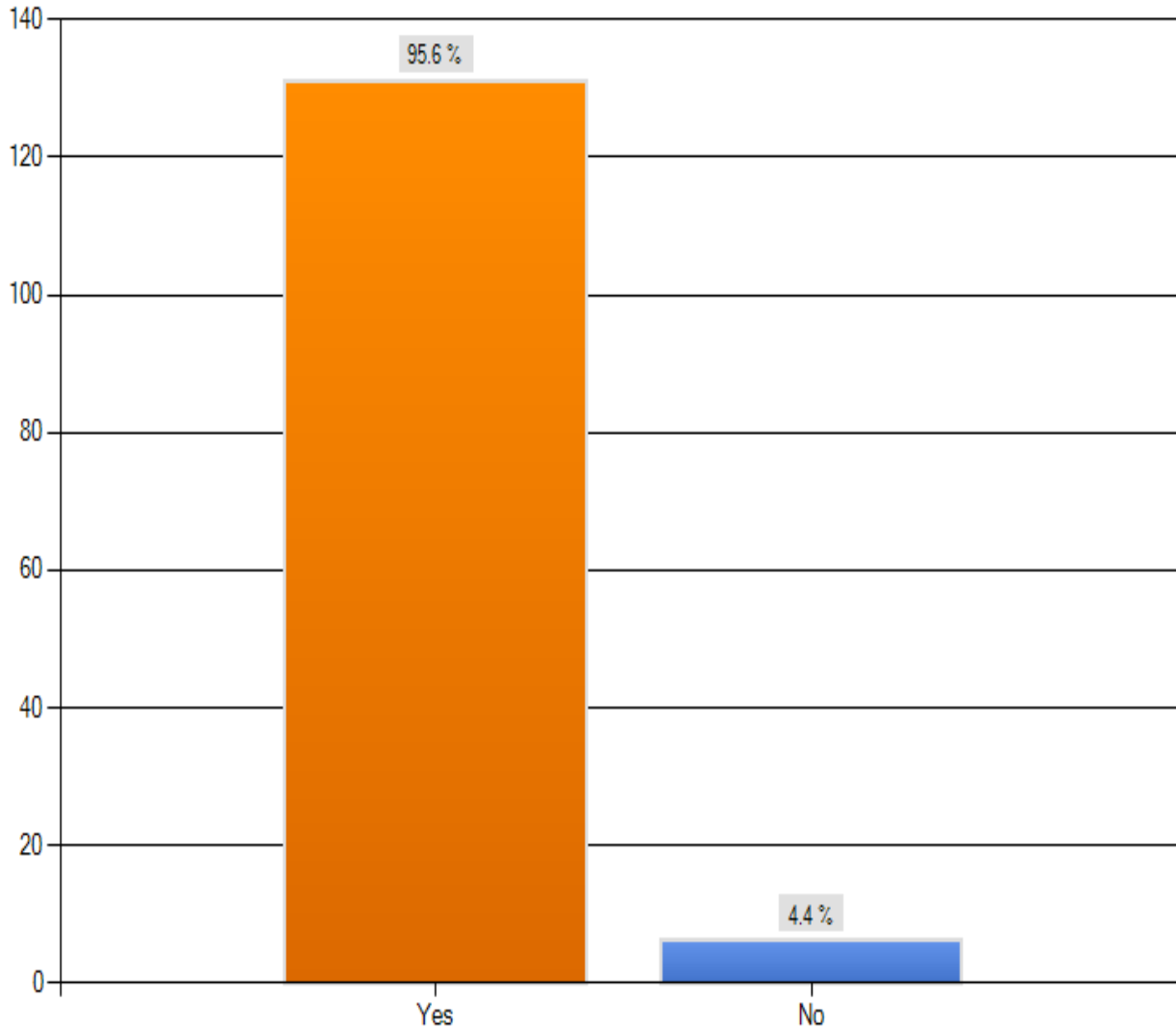
### Positive Comments:

- I like volunteering and being part of a committee at the school. It helps me feel connected and valued. Also I feel that I have gotten to know staff members better because of it.
- I love to volunteer and get a pulse on my child's school environment in addition to helping the teacher out. I always feel welcome to volunteer and am given meaningful work to do.

### Suggestions:

- This is because of me, not the school. I do wish there were more opportunities for parents who work during the day to get involved and help out, but I realize this is difficult since many opportunities by definition are only available during the school day.
- It would be great if parent committees could meet outside of school times--ie NOT between 8 and 5. This would allow SAHP with young children (like me) to be more involved.

The State Tax Credit for Education program is your tax dollars going directly to work for your child. We want to make sure each San Tan family understands how the mechanics of the State Tax Credit program (\$200.00 single or \$400.00 married) work to encourage as many families as possible to participate. Do you understand how this program works to support our school?



### Positive Comments:

- It was our first year participating. I also got my parents on board as well. My mom teaches Junior High, but has never given the credit. They will give to STLC now, because they see what a great school it is for their granddaughters.
- My hope is that every parent benefits from this program, if not, STLC should explain how it's a NO BRAINER!

### Suggestions:

- As mentioned above, once I understood the program, I was in full support of it. Maybe there could be a little bit better way of explaining it to new school families who have not heard of this before.
- But I would like to see reports published showing what the money is being used for.
- We understand how the program works, but we don't appreciate the repeated solicitations.