

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Call to Order – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Administration (Jenny Marr), Todd Bateman, Julie Matlock, Melanie Nolan, Cort Mitchell, Judy Grana, Loriel Hernandez, Leern McKenna, Christina Tatro, Ana Piña.

M/S/C Approval of Minutes

2 Regular Meeting February 28, 2017

Tatro /Hernandez (10 to 0)

Continue Review and Update of LCAP Goals and Spending Priorities

3 The District ran numbers for the Spending Priority list from the previous meeting. There are far too many expenditures to allow for a qualified budget. We need to revisit the priorities and narrow down the list.

There was an idea presented that we could shift the proposed funds for the .6 ELD Coordinator and Opportunity Teacher in order to hire a second RSP Teacher and three Instructional Aides to help with ELD, LC, RSP and behavior. This would allow for a more short-term class placement/pullout intervention system for students needing higher intensity interventions. In discussing the options it was mentioned that we need to make sure we move in a direction that will allow for more flexibility and faster response to high need students.

It was asked what would happen with behavior students that do not have an IEP if we hire a second RSP Teacher and no Opportunity Teacher. There would be intervention time with the Behavior Coordinator and the Behavior Aide under that system.

Members discussed the difficulty an Opportunity Class may have meeting student needs in high priority areas such as ELD, behavior and RSP. If we were to shift the proposed funding to hire three Instructional Aides it would at least allow for broader student services to be offered.

Motion to propose the hiring of three Instructional Aides and another 1.0 FTE RSP Teacher in place of the previously proposed Opportunity Teacher and .6 ELD Coordinator.

There were concerns expressed about the system these Instructional Aides would be participating in and how much impact it would have in meeting student needs better than we currently are. It was stated that students would be given a baseline assessment during the first month of school to aide in assigning appropriate services.

There was a brief review of funding tiers and how those funds can be allocated across our population. An Opportunity Class may not qualify under Supplemental or Concentration Funding criteria depending on eligible student demographics.

It was asked how important the Technology Teacher is to the Primary Grades. It seems that the computer lab is not being utilized as much since the position was vacated. The District would like to rewrite the Technology Teacher job description to see if we can find a suitable candidate. If not, we could re-evaluate how those funds are spent.

Ana Piña had to adjourn early from the meeting.

Motion to table previous motion due to meeting time constraints and to allow members more time to discuss and evaluate information pertaining to the LCAP Spending Priority List.

Nolan/Marr (9 to 0)

For the Good of the Order

4 Meeting will be continued at 3:00 on March 28, 2017.

Adjourn – 4:20 pm

Mitchell /Nolan (9 to 0)