

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Call to Order – 3:07 pm

Members Present: Administration (Jenny Montoya), Todd Bateman, Ana Piña, Melanie Nolan, Cort Mitchell, Araceli Martinez, Judy Grana

M/S/C Approval of Minutes

2 Regular Meeting October 10, 2017

Martinez/Grana (7 to 0)

Update on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

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- a. Intervention Coordinator- Claudia Trout
 - i. MTSS Academic- The Learning Center is grouping students for interventions based on Foundational Skills. These groups are being progress monitored weekly and then data is discussed every six weeks.
 - ii. Tier 3 interventions include: Susan Barton, LIPS, Reading Mastery, and SIPPS.
 - iii. Math interventions include: Times Tales, which teaches multiplication through stories and images. On Cloud 9, which is a kinesthetic based program.
 - iv. Next steps are to continue Renaissance Learning training and establish assessment expectations school-wide.
 - v. The Learning Center is discussion alternatives to AIMSweb assessments that would be more useful to teachers as this data is currently only utilized by Learning Center staff.
 - vi. Continue with professional development for Learning Center aides. Adding training to increase coping with academic and behavioral needs of students. Training for the aides in Nurtured Heart Approach is in the works hopefully during the upcoming parent conference week.
- b. Behavioral Intervention Coordinator- Al Gomes
 - i. MTSS Social/Emotional & Behavior (SEB)-We are currently in the Tier 1 PBIS implementations phase that include: School Expectation, Tool Box, and Rusty May.
 - ii. Tier 2 interventions include: Why Try?, Personal Power groups, targeted small groups, Circle of Friends and check in/outs.
 - iii. Tier 3 interventions include: focused individual interventions with SEB personnel.
 - iv. Full implementation is still limited to Tier 1 to ensure adequate implementation of strategies and supports.
 - v. Our PBIS evaluation went well as we scored a 93%.
 - vi. MTSS meetings are held weekly to identify/discuss students needing interventions and how to support those students' needs.
 - vii. Teams involved with this process include: MTSS, District, PBIS, SEB, Tier 1, Tier 2 and SPED.

Wellness Policy

- 4 This policy is comprised of State and Federal mandates blended into the existing Gerber Wellness Policy.
 - a. There was a discussion about removing sports drinks from the Acceptable Snack List and moving it to the Prohibited Snack List due to the amount of sugar in them. It was asked about Vitamin waters as well and upon quick research it was found those too include a high

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- concentration of sugar. It was mentioned that even bottled water can contain harmful ingredients and only “spring water” should be drank on a regular basis.
- b. There was a question about the definition of “School Day” in the Glossary. Admin will get clarity on it before presenting to the Board.
 - c. There was a discussion about food rewards throughout the year. It was decided that those could be coordinated with the “monthly celebrations” in the classroom.
- Motion to approve the Wellness Policy with the modifications discussed.

Grana/Mitchell (7 to 0)

School Initiatives

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- a. Multi-Tiered System of supports (MTSS)
 - i. Continue Training for 17-18
 - ii. Grant for \$25,000 was submitted at the end of October and we are waiting for a reply.
 1. It was asked what that money would go toward in the event we receive the grant. Admin stated it would be used to fund Coordinator or MTSS support staff positions.
- b. Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)
 - i. Tier 1 implementation this year.
 1. PBIS Trainer Rainbow Crane conducted a walk-through evaluation on November 3.
 2. We were hoping for and 80% fidelity score and received a 93% score instead.
 3. Tier 2 trainings are scheduled for this Spring in addition to monthly team meetings.
 - ii. Nurtured Heart Approach
 1. There are monthly 30 minute meetings scheduled if staff wishes to attend on the second Monday of each month.
- c. No Excuses University (NEU)
 - i. Encourages college and career bound vision for students.
 - ii. We are continuing our membership to the NEU Network.
 - iii. This membership requires us to send a team from the school including and Admin to a conference at least every other year. The next one occurs during the 18-19 school year.
 - iv. Classrooms have all adopted a University to represent.
 1. There is college vocabulary associated with the program as well.
 - v. New ideas:
 1. Begin career connections in the community- We would like to expose the kids to careers in the community. We are looking to find ways to incorporate Gerber School Alumni that are succeeding in their careers showing that “Gerber kids can!” It was brought up trying to get some high school juniors and seniors to come back to discuss the importance of a dedication and hard work to get a solid education to prepare for college and career readiness.
 2. It was expressed that starting with the 6th-8th grades would be a good place to start and branch out from there.
 3. Designate University Day- thoughts on how this would look?

Remainder of agenda tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

Adjourn – 4:08 pm
Piña/Mitchell (7 to 0)