

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Call to Order – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Jenny Marr, Jason Armstrong, Lori Leepin, Todd Bateman, Anja Eklund, Melanie Nolan, Judy Grana

M/S/C Approval of Minutes

2 Regular Meeting September 17, 2013

Armstrong/Nolan (7 to 0)

SSC Election of New Members

3 There was no new parent to serve on SSC.

REAP

4 REAP has been distributed to teachers in the past in order to purchase supplemental curriculum for their classroom. SSC agrees to continue with this format of distribution. Jenny will put out a survey for teachers to request items for their classrooms. The fund is very strict as to what purchases qualify.

Parent Involvement Policy

5 This was previously embedded in the SARC, but will be transitioned to our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) in order to stay in accordance with Title I regulations. It will outline how the school is helping to foster and maintain parental involvement.

School Plan and SARC

6 Jenny distributed the School Plan to members for updating and review. Any necessary changes can be brought to Jenny any time so she can update the document as we go.

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

7 The LCFF consists of three separate grants:

- 1) **Base Grant:** This is funded based on our ADA (Average Daily Attendance). The funding we receive this year as our Base Grant will be more than the previous year.
- 2) **Supplemental Grant:** This fund is based on our population of English Learners, Free and Reduced Lunch participants and Foster Youth. This money will be an additional 20% of our Base Grant. This fund requires the expenditures to directly benefit English Learners, Free and Reduced Lunch participants and Foster Youth.
- 3) **Concentration Grant:** This fund is based on our number of English Learners, Free and Reduced Lunch participants and Foster Youth above 55% of our population. This money will be an additional 50% of our Base Grant. This fund requires the expenditures to directly benefit English Learners, Free and Reduced Lunch participants and Foster Youth.

This new funding formula gives school local control of how funds are spent to serve students. There are still stipulations, but far less than the previous funding model. Due to the broader scope of spending flexibility we'll be reviewing allocations for all student services/programs including RTI, CDS, Counseling and Technology/Tech Support.

The First Interim is solvent three years out, but we are still deficit spending. Attrition will become a factor in next year's projections.

Jenny would like members to consider recommendations for funding programs/services to be discussed at the next couple of meetings.

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

- 8 These will be new guidelines from the State requiring schools to show accountability of how LCFF funds have been allocated in the following eight areas: Student engagement, Other student outcomes, Parental involvement, Course access, Implementation of CCSS, Basic services, School climate and Student achievement.

Common Core and CALMAP (SBAC)

- 9 The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are being implemented and teachers are being trained on Common Core teaching strategies and implementation.
The CCSS reflect a shift in focus from the “product/answer” to a deeper understanding of the “process” of how/why that is the correct answer.
The CALMAP is the new State Test aligned with the CCSS and we will be piloting the test this year in place of the STAR Test (except for 5th and 8th grade will still be required to take the STAR Science Test).
The CALMAP is an entirely digital assessment; students will take the test online. Due to the high technological demands of this test the school has purchased 30 iPads in preparation of updating our future technology needs for the test.

Prop 39 Clean Energy Bill

- 10 The State is allocating money to schools to fund energy efficient projects. We have qualified for \$110,000 over two years to be spent in a five year window. Jenny has begun researching the installation of some sort of solar energy structure for the school.

Updates

- 11 Parent Conferences- There seemed to be a good turnout overall this year.
Reindeer Lane Gift Shop- Parent’s Club has raised about \$2,000 and the students have really enjoyed the shopping experience.
Staff Christmas Party- We toured the New Clairevaux winery and had a great turnout for dinner at the Vina Steakhouse.
NEU “Operation Warm”- We raised about \$100 to purchase coats for needy children. There was a discussion about doing a coat drive/donation for Gerber students.
Food for the Hungry- Cans are coming in slower than usual. These donations will be put into gift baskets for local families to receive over the holidays.
Lee- Lee has taken a new job and left Gerber School. Joe is filling in as Maintenance Supervisor until the position is filled sometime this month.

For The Good Of The Order

- 2 Nothing was mentioned.

Adjourn – 4:35 pm
Grana/Eklund (7 to 0)