

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Call to Order – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Administration (Jenny Marr/Jason Armstrong), Lori Dye, Todd Bateman, Maria Munoz, Melanie Nolan, Ana Pina

M/S/C Approval of Minutes

2 Regular Meeting May 14, 2014

Pina/Munoz (6 to 0)

Introductions

3 **Administration-** Jenny Marr - Principal/Superintendent, Jason Armstrong-Assistant Principal
Teachers- Melanie Nolan, Lori Dye, Todd Bateman
Classified- Judy Grana
Parents- Julie Matlock, Maria Munoz, Anja Eklund

SSC Election of New Members

4 All members' terms ending in Nov. 2014 are continuing on and will serve until Nov. 2016.

Program Updates

5 **NEU-** We are continuing to implement our NEU frame of mind that all students can attend college. We are brainstorming ideas on student activities to increase buy-in and excitement. We are sending a group to an NEU conference in Las Vegas for three days in October.
Rusty May- School wide implementation is going well. It is providing staff with common language when dealing with situations around the school.
Rachel's Challenge- We will have student assemblies during the school day on October 2nd and a community event on October 2nd from 5:30-6:30pm. Info about the community event will be sent out to parents soon.

Transitional Kindergarten

6 We have 22 regular ed. And 1 DHH TK students. Things are going well, but the afternoons are tough for the little ones. Mrs. Nolan has a volunteer coming in on Fridays to do Zumba with the class.
It was shared that there are some schools around that are doing a school wide Zumba day and the students seem to really enjoy it.

13-14 Data

7 Our test data from last year show school wide growth in both Math and ELA. 68.6% of students in Math and 87.5% of students in ELA increase their scores by 5%.

Program Improvement Status

8 We are still qualified as PI due to the status freeze last year because of the implementation of Common Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

LCAP

9 The State has proposed a new draft template to ensure expenditures align to LCAP funding allocations. When Jenny receives the new template she will begin transferring information and data. Our goals will remain the same for the time being.
Our kitchen is "Scratch Cooking" 3 days a week, and has begun offering a fruit bar in addition to the twice a week salad bar. The students seem excited about the new lunches and options available.

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The cafeteria is also under Provision II this year allowing all students access to Free and Reduced Lunches.

Vision and Mission Statement

- 10 We would like to update our Vision and Mission Statements to align it with the programs and standards currently being implemented.

Counseling Grant

- 11 We have been approved for a three year grant that will allow us to hire a full time Counselor and a full time Social Worker. Hopefully these positions will be filled within the next month.

Parent Involvement Policy

- 12 Jason has created a draft for how we are trying to increase parental involvement at Gerber School. Members can read it over and suggest ideas at the next meeting.

Technology

- 13 The new lab is finished and looks fantastic! Classes seem to be enjoying it and the implementation of new technology.
The school website is being updated almost daily. Mr. Lando, the new Technology Teacher, has linked quite a bit of exciting online activities for kids at the bottom of the main page. Just click on the computer icon and enjoy.



M/S/C Wellness Policy

- 14 The only necessary change is the daily minutes need to be updated to 200 minutes per day.
Pina, Nolan (6 to 0)

Common Core & Smarter Balanced Assessments

- 15 There are practice tests being developed that align with the Smarter Balanced format. This year's assessment will be adaptive in that the questions will adjust in difficulty based on answers from the previous questions.
There were questions about if the assessment would present students with questions outside their current grade level, either above and or below.

Parent's Club

- 16 The Halloween Carnival will be held on October 24th from 4:30-8:00.
There was some concern expressed over the length of the carnival this year.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

- 17 There are a total of 13 members this year that will be having more ownership and responsibility in school activities.

For The Good Of The Order

- 18 The atmosphere is very positive this year at Gerber School.
We have two new teachers in the 6th/7th grades, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Farrell.

Adjourn – 3:56 pm
Nolan/Munoz (6 to 0)