

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

**Call to Order – 3:00 pm**

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

**M/S/C Approval of Minutes**

2 Regular Meeting May 14, 2013

*Matlock/Eklund (9 to 0)*

**Introductions**

3 Jenny Marr - Principal/Superintendent  
Jason Armstrong-Assistant Principal  
Melanie Nolan-Teacher  
Lori Leepin-Teacher  
Todd Bateman-Teacher  
Judy Grana-Classified  
Julie Matlock-Parent  
Maria Munoz-Parent  
Anja Eklund-Parent

**SSC Election of New Members**

4 Anja would like to continue serving on SSC.  
Cindy Mejia expressed an interest in SSC to Maria Munoz.  
Melanie Nolan will be replacing Nancy Compton.

**NEU Update**

5 The beautiful library mural was done by Keri Safford, Lory Allan, and Company over the summer. The fence logos were done over the summer by Todd Bateman. Jason is working on finalizing the NEU shirt order for the students and staff this year. We will be getting black shirts with our NEU logo on them. The staff has ordered black polo shirts in lieu of t-shirts. The Title I/NEU Parent Forum seemed to have a good turnout this year; though the classroom turnout did not seem as successful throughout the school.

**API/AYP**

6 Our API score went down from 762 to 750. We were expecting this however, as we have already begun our transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) which the current State Test (STAR) is not aligned to. We also did not meet our AYP.

**Program Improvement Status**

7 As we did not reach our AYP last year we have entered Program Improvement, year 2. Jenny sent out letters to notify parents of this and outline their options.

**Budget 2013/2014**

8 The State has revised its school budgeting system to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Under this new formula we receive a “Base Grant” which is essentially our ADA monies. We also receive a “Supplement Grant” which is 20% of the Base Grant and based on our population of English learners (EL), students who qualify for a Free and Reduced Lunch Meal (FRLM) and foster  
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youth . We then receive a “Concentration Grant” which is 50% of the Base Grant and is allocated based on the number of students that are EL, FRLM, and foster youth above 55% of the District’s enrollment. Both the “Supplemental and Concentration Grants” need to be spent on the population of students that the funds are generated for.

The LCFF will have changes that effect the funds SSC advised the Board on, the extent of these effects are not know at this time. As Jenny receives more information on this she will convey it to the SSC members and we will go from there.

The LCFF will bring an increase in funds to Gerber, though at this point not enough to completely balance our budget, but we will be deficit spending by far less than we currently are.

The LCFF funds will be dispersed to districts over a period of 8 years.

### **Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessment**

9 We have received a \$76,200 grant from the State to spend on Common Core preparedness (professional development, curriculum, technology, etc.). Jenny has proposed to phase in technology upgrades over a two year period, 2013-2014 will upgrade grades 3-5 and 2014-2015 will upgrade grades 6-8 with K-2 being phased in after that. The technology upgrades will be some sort of hardware for the students to use. We are still researching which route will benefit us most while trying to balance the financial and effectiveness/longevity of the purchase.

We are piloting the Imagine Learning computer program with fifteen students this year to see if it is more beneficial than our current Success Maker program. Imagine Learning is also currently aligned with the CCSS.

We have begun our transition towards the CCSS and have been modifying current curriculum and teaching practices to align with the new CCSS. In addition to new State Standards there will be a new assessment called the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). This new test will be computer based for all students and shifts the focus from the answer of a question to the process of finding that answer. We are hoping to pilot the SBAC this year in order to expose students to the new process prior to it being fully implemented.

### **Parents’ Club**

10 The Halloween Carnival will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> this year from 4:00-7:00pm. This will provide students with a safe place to celebrate Halloween festivities while hopefully cutting costs on some expenses such as light rentals due to the early time slot.

The Parents’ Club is looking for some ways to thank and invite the numerous sponsors. There are many local as well as not so local sponsors that help make the event one of the best around.

The Parents’ Club will be sponsoring our STAR Assembly on October 11<sup>th</sup> to recognize all students 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade that increased their score on last year’s STAR Test.

### **For The Good Of The Order**

11 The October meeting will only be held if necessary.

**Adjourn – 3:51 pm**  
*Grana/Nolan (9 to 0)*