

SSC Minutes for August 24, 2011

Council Members Present: Susy Hovland, Dora Pulido Tobiassen, Amy Haruyama, Mary Grace McGhee, Darren Avent, Steve Neat, Katy Hunter, Charisna Imara

Parent members Present: Leora Barzell-Weber , Blaine Torpey,

May meeting minutes accepted.

Dora will be here until a replacement is found for her. She plans to participate as a non-voting member; LaTarus will not be returning to Kaiser elementary (confirmed by Susy H. post meeting).

Discussion of handouts:

SSC Roles & Responsibilities

Characteristics of an Effective SSC

Meeting calendar to be discussed toward the end of this meeting. Would like to hold the meetings more consistently once per month.

Mr. Avent to go through the budget and discuss whether or not we need to take votes on any of the categorical funds. Also to discuss his vision and any changes to the plans. Also to review test data—to be the first of a series of ongoing discussions.

Mr. Avent on the budget: Hard to pinpoint exactly where we are because it's not finalized. So far no changes to the budget that Mel put together and there are no votes that need to be taken today regarding categorical funds. Currently Kaiser is fully enrolled and we have a waiting list for every grade. Class size is 25 K-3 and 31 4-5.

Steve Neat on the budget: State budget—we will know in Dec/Jan whether or not there will be mid-year cuts. The state budget right now is looking good for this school year.

Regarding the EIA -SCE monies—Mel had planned for the hiring of a STIP sub or some sort of support for the 4th/5th grade. Mr. Avent would also like to bring in a conflict mediator to work with students and to reestablish a student council and student leadership. One or both of these things will happen, depending on the budget. The 4th/5th grade wheel can function with the current support staff and does not require a STIP sub.

What will be the additional supports for 4th and 5th grade?

Student teacher (Neat)

Enrichment teachers

Principal's Vision: conflict mediation and developing students as leaders—reestablishment of student council which will be making and implementing decisions for the school (spirit week, etc.) on a monthly basis. Students will take ownership and leadership in their own education. Composting plan—led by students. Social-emotional aspect will be stressed as well as academic focus.

How can the SSC help Mr. Avent? Bring ideas to the table. Be open to listening to and discussing and presenting new ideas.

Leora—wondering about support for the lower grades. How would the STIP sub affect support for the lower grades? Will there be that type of support person for the lower grades. Steve—yes, any academic support that would be hired (Oscar, Suzanne) would be shared by all grades. Mr. Avent said that the goal is to have all the contracts done in the next two weeks to ensure that the support staff will be in place by the end of September.

Ideas for parking circle—students to “patrol” drop off; parent volunteers for traffic control and safety.

Other things to bring to the table?

Set schedule for SSC calendar.

Community-wide dissemination of information from SSC meetings.

Clear message that SSC meetings are open to the community.

Update SSC information on Kaiser's website.

We have 2 positions open on the SSC—a three year position (replacing Dora and LaTarus). Anyone interested should contact Susy Hovland or Mr. Avent and submit a short written description of why they are interested in the position.

Discussion of Handouts:

Math SCT/CMA 2-Year Cohort Cross-tabulation Spring 2010 to Spring 2011

ELA SCT/CMA 2-Year Cohort Cross-tabulation Spring 2010 to Spring 2011

ACTION ITEM (Mr. Avent): have sub-group test scores for discussion at next meeting.

Discussion about test scores and how they can be used as part of a bigger picture that has a lot to do with the classroom teacher and the data that comes out of the classroom.

We will keep the SSC meetings at 4:00 on the third Wednesday of every month.

Meeting adjourned.