

Goleta Union School District
DAC Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020 Meeting
8:45am – 11:00am

Attendance: DAC

Dr. Donna Lewis (Superintendent)	Sue West (Community Rep.)
Dr. Richard Mayer (Board member)	Patricia Ramirez (El Camino)
Alton Green, Chairperson (Brandon)	Leslie Hogan (GFS)
Keely Gregorio, Vice Chairperson (Mtn. View)	Mike Munoz (Hollister)
Dr. Mary Kahn (Asst. Superintendent)	Lynette Nievares (Isla Vista)
Sam Farver (UTPG Rep.)	Jen Malkin (Kellogg)
Abby Vasquez (Hollister Principal)	Dee Anne Weyel (La Patera)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Alton Green, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:50 am.

2. Approval of the DAC Minutes from December 19, 2019

Motion to approve minutes: Keely Gregorio

Seconded by: Leslie Hogan

Minutes approved

3. School Presentation – Abby Vasquez, Hollister School Principal

Principal Vasquez explained the demographics of Hollister School, specifically by ethnicity, economic status and students by language proficiency.

She gave an overview of school performance, focusing on chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, English learner progress and English language arts and mathematics. Academic performance at Hollister School is at 24.9 points above standard for English Language Arts which is an increase of 21 points over last year and 3.7 points above standard for mathematics, which is an increase of 10.3 points over last year. Currently, there are 60 English learners at Hollister School of which 51.7% are making progress towards English language proficiency.

She spoke about the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) which integrates student learning and teaches collaboration and targeted instruction.

At Hollister School, collaboration leads to collective teacher efficacy and improved student learning.

At Hollister we...

- Find new ways to tackle difficult challenges
- Have high expectations for improving instruction and student learning
- Are open to new ideas
- Are willing to experiment
- Are resilient
- Work collaboratively, and
- Welcome parent participation

Principal Vasquez talked about the Inner Explorer Program at the school. This program is designed to be easy, requires no previous experience, and can be incorporated into any part of the day. Research-proven effectiveness of daily practice includes:

- Reduction of stress
- Increases in overall well-being
- Decreases in disciplinary behavior by up to 60%
- Higher grades for reading, math, and science by 28%
- Demonstrated increases in grey matter in learning sections of the brain by neuroscientists
- Compliments our Second Step program for social emotional learning
- Teaches mindfulness in easy and age-appropriate lessons
- Fosters life skills such as improved focus, self-regulation, gratitude and compassion.

The committee discussed Title I funds and how those funds affect the schools.

4. LCAP & Strategic Plan Input – Dr. Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent

Dr. Kahn reviewed the goals of the LCAP with the committee which include:

Goal #1: Demonstrate robust achievement growth for all pupils; reduce disparity in levels of achievement between subgroups.

Goal #2: Apply best practices in teaching and learning including effective implementation of new State Standards in mathematics, ELD/ELA and science.

Goal #3: Provide embedded technology support within a comprehensive course of study that includes creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking for all students.

Goal #4: Provide effective learning environments.

Goal #5: Value and encourage community involvement and local control.

She reviewed the academic performance of the District, all student groups by performance levels, the English learner progress indicator and student English language acquisition results.

The committee participated in an exercise focusing on academic performance, academic engagement and conditions and climate where they were asked “What are you proud of? What might you wish for?” in terms of student success.

The presentation ended with Dr. Lewis asking the committee to write a letter to a student stating their dreams, hopes and wishes for their student.

5. Representatives Discussion/Announcements/Report Out from Board Meeting

There were no discussions or announcements

6. The next DAC meeting will be at the District Office with Kellogg School hosting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 8:45 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.