

District Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
El Camino School
5020 San Simeon Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93111

Call to Order: Tammy Johnson called meeting to order at 9:17

Attendees: Assistant Superintendent Elizabeth DeVita, Superintendent William Banning, Board Member Pam Kinsley, Heather Shea – Isla Vista, Tammy Johnson – Foothill, Yael Brennan – Mt. View, Tammy Merritt – La Patera, Sue Burns – Community Member, Michelle Hay – Foothill/UTP-G, Sandra Edgar – Hollister, Melissa Fitch – El Camino, Liz Barnitz – Principal El Camino, Chris Messner – Kellogg, Jil Ronkainen – Ellwood, Bridgett Lewin – Brandon, Karen VanGool – Goleta Family School

Approval of Minutes: September meeting minutes motion to approve by Melissa Fitch, seconded by Sandra Edgar. Approved.

School Report: Liz Barnitz, Principal El Camino School:

Demographics of EC – 250 students, 80% Latino, 80% Poverty, 50% English Learners
 El Camino is a No Excuses University. Has a new Science lab. Uses MAP Testing – goal setting for each student. Lexia & Reading Plus, Dream Box – Math Computer based intervention classes are offered before school in the computer lab. ASES – 35% of students attend (80 children). Lego Robotics club and music have all started afterschool.

Liz Shared the presentation she had given to the County Board of Education.

Santa Barbara County Schools Data

- 66 schools receiving Federal Title 1 funds are in Program Improvement (PI), representing 55% of county schools
- All but one of the 66 schools moved on to the next year of PI (e.g., a school in Year 1 of PI in 2012 “advanced” to Year 2 in 2013)
- That one school is El Camino Elementary, which is now frozen in Year 1 of PI. We are one year away from exiting PI.

**Turn Around Schools
Six Exceptional Systems**

*Daily Targeted
Deliberate data analysis
used to drive instructional
Measures of Academic
High Quality Professional
Structured and Intentional Student-
A Culture of Universal
Achievement.*

API SCORES
Overall API: 813

SUBGROUP	2012	2013 API
ELL	805	804
HISPANIC	800	795
SED	791	792
SWD	687	728*
WHITE	956	965**

**A 41-point gain.
**Highest API Score for White Subgroup in all GUSD Schools*

NO EXCUSES UNIVERSITY
WHERE COLLEGE BEGINS

1. Every student will be proficient or advanced in ELA and Math.
2. Academic accomplishment is an obsession.
3. A school can neutralize challenges students bring.
4. Student achievement is the #1 topic.
5. A maverick spirit will lead.
6. There are NO EXCUSES.

**El Camino School met ALL 17
Federal Adequate Yearly
Progress (AYP) Targets!**

*(the only Title 1 school in the Santa
Barbara County to achieve this!)*

CST results: Elizabeth DeVita, Assistant Superintendent

For more than 6 years GUSD's API has exceeded State target of 800

District Program Improvement status remains at Year 3

El Camino remains in PI yr. 1

IV did not make all targets and is in PI yr.2

District remains at Title III Year 4 for English Learners

30% of students in district are English Learners

Students are scoring well but district continues to implement more with Common Core.

Change from CST to Smarter Balance – by 2014/15 school year all students will test, then by 2015/16 new scores benchmarks in place under the new system.

District Update: William Banning, Superintendent

484 was signed by the Gov. – believes there will be no more STAR Testing.

What will happen to Title 1?

Transitions to Common Core there will be a field test – a test of the test.

Smarter Balance will offer interim assessments.

All of these measurements do not represent the successes of our children, our district funds arts, music etc. our work is a healthy system.

Blackboard Connect Parent Communication System is about ready to be launched. It is an Automatic Notification System. Parents choose method of communication on emergency cards at start of school year. In case of emergency all contacts listed will be notified within 3-5 hours.

DAC sub-committee met (Sandra, Bridgette, Michelle & Bill): Reviewed by-laws – no changes. Focus on advisory role of committee. Program implementation across the district. At November meeting DAC members take info back to own site and report back in Dec. What is similar and unique at each site.

Bill & Elizabeth walk each school site with Principal to see how each site implements District initiatives. Bridgette stated we need to remember that each site is unique in its staff & community.

School Reports/PTA Updates:**Axxess Book fundraiser at all sites!**

Isla Vista : PTA Parent Dinner, Partnership with UCSB Arts Assemblies Viva el Arte. Recycling drive fundraiser

Foothill – Science Night, Carnival

Goleta Family School – Science Night and campout - really noticing the common core being used throughout

Mt. View – Great start to year. 5th grade went to CIMI

La Patera – Book Fair, movies during conferences, Holiday Bazaar – Nov. 17th, Annual Giving campaign is at \$6k. Festival of Lights – every other year – presentations of different winter holidays.

Hollister – School wide walk on Thursday mornings – get kids moving/thinking.

El Camino – College Week, lunch with college students.

Ellwood – Jog-a-thon, Fall Carnival. Axxess

Brandon – BOW WOW Halloween Parade thru neighborhood led by DP Marching Band. Upcoming - Book Fair

Kellogg – Square dance, earthquake drills, science night. Held a fundraiser for student with Leukemia.

DAC Members encouraged to look in NEW Science Lab – Room 10

Meeting Adjourned: 11:25 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mountain View School

5465 Queen Anne Lane, Goleta, CA 93117

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Fitch, El Camino School