

**DAC Minutes
October 9, 2014
El Camino School**

Present: William Banning, Carol Boyan-Held, Liz Barnitz, Laura Zizumbo, Peggy Reagan, Karen Van Gool, Yvonne DeGraw, Ana Huynh, Judy Blue, Jil Ronkainen, Maria Vaca, Blanca Gonzalez, Norma Carlos, Caritino Esteban, Sandra Edgar, Amy Marston, Heather Shea, Susan Zink, Melissa Renda, Wendy Maldonado, Tammy Merritt, Melissa Fitch.

Approval of minutes of September 11, 2014: Jil Ronkainen motioned, Yvonne DeGraw second, all in favor – minutes were approved with corrections discussed that will be submitted to Superintendent’s office.

El Camino School Report by Principal Liz Barnitz:

Demo – 80% free & reduced lunch. 48% English learners. One of 3 Title 1 schools in the district – gets federal assistance for improving programs.

Ms. Barnitz shared that it is “College Week” and showed her weekly telecast, which the students see every Friday morning and it is also posted on Parent Square so parents can see it too. The importance of College is always stressed at EC. El Camino School is a Turn Around Schools No Excuses University.

State testing put El Camino in Program Improvement. 2 years ago the school met 17 targets and received Safe Harbor status. Program Improvement is old rules and laws of No Child Left Behind.

Lexia computer adaptive intervention & acceleration reading program is used for all students - United Way grant. Access to Lexia is available thru SB Public Library.

Transitional Kindergarten students go to Hollister.

MAP testing is used to track students progress – students are directly involved in setting their own goals and tracking their progress. La Patera also uses MAP.

Ellwood parent Wendy Maldonado asked permission to speak – obviously upset – long conversation in Spanish took place. She is concerned about the difference in the schools – Mr. Banning will speak with her and other Ellwood parents after the meeting.

All schools have their own programs that measure the academic success. Do schools abandon paying for assessments and use the Smarter Balance since it will come with mid-year measurements? LCAP goal is using resources universally district-wide but allowing flexibility for each school to personalize.

District Update – William Banning, Superintendent:

LCAP Progress Monitoring: Last year consisted of a lot of outreach to parents, staff and community members. List of goals for LCAP & Strategic plan line up. (Available on district website)

Bower Foundation Grant: Goleta Education Foundation received Grant working with IV Youth Project. GEF run fundraises for the entire district.

PTA Presidents Meeting: District will be meeting with all PTA Presidents.

Negotiations Overview: Collective Bargaining Agreement Teacher's Union and district management (School Board) in the process to finish soon. Everyone is doing a great job – all communicating respectfully.

District Website: DAC info under parent tab, School Board agendas, Board Policies, Strategic Plan, LCAP....lots of resources.

Homework: Please complete Online Survey.

Presentation – Carol Boyan-Held, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services: Previously at Conejo School District. Has been visiting all sites getting to know the district. See role as one of support for all sites. Making sure that they have everything they need – materials, testing etc. Providing professional development – district has 3 TOSAs (teachers on special assignment) who go out and work with the sites as well. Facilitates GATE Advisory Committee and DELAC.

Q&A – Common Core curriculum needs to be shared – district is working on best way to do it, hope to have something for parents during conferences.

Discussion revolved around common core math frustrations, combo classes are a big challenge for teachers and they need support.

TOSAs are focusing on differentiation in staff development – meet with principals and staff to help meet needs.

Common core allows teachers to be more flexible & creative. Teachers are a big part of the decision on which curriculum the district chooses. The standards define what students must learn.

Math is very different under Common Core – parent education is at the top of the list for the district.

Request for improved communication – more messages “pushed” on parents. You can sign up for district messages on the website. Need for parent education nights.

School Council & PTA Reports:

Ellwood School community meeting by the city of Goleta re:putting in bike lane. They are also planning a meeting at Brandon School for the city’s Recreational Needs.

Discussion of PTA fundraising:

Hollister PTA asked 339 families, 44 contributed.

Mt. View has a Foundation. It asks Alumni families via phone and letters. Seeks out Corporate donations.

Board Policy #1325 was discussed - can schools post business banners.

Be sure to include Latino community – hosted Dinner with ELAC HUGE success!

Next meeting PTA Share time – PTA Fundraising ...What works Best???

Lice Policy has not changed – Mr. Banning will bring to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:15-11:30 am

Ellwood School

7686 Hollister Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Fitch, El Camino School