

Goleta Union School District
District Advisory Committee Minutes
October 7, 2015
District Office: Host - Ellwood

Attendance:

William Banning (DO- Superintendent)
Carol Boyan-Held (DO- Asst. Supt.)
Heather Cash (Instructional Specialist)
Luz Reyes-Martin (Board member)
Abby Vasquez (Principal - Ellwood)
Amy Marston (Brandon)
Miroslava Chavez-Garcia (Ellwood)

Heather Porter (Hollister)
Karen Van Gool (Kellogg)
Toni Gentry (La Patera)
Melissa Renda (Mt. View)
Beth Kanne-Casselmann (GFS)
Susan Zink (UTP-G)
Ana Requena (District Translator)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Banning called the meeting to order at 9:18am

2. District Report:

Introduction of Carol Boyan-Held and Heather Cash, Instructional Specialist. Mrs. Cash provided an in-depth presentation of the new report cards drafts per grade level.

Explanation of report cards are available to parents on the district website.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2015

Motion to approve minutes: Melissa Renda

Seconded by: Beth Kanne-Casselmann

Minutes Approved

4. School Report by Abby Vasquez – Principal at Ellwood School

Ellwood School is located on Hollister Avenue across the street from the Ellwood Bluffs and the Monarch Butterfly Preserve. Their current enrollment is 465 students in TK-6th grades and is very diverse, with many languages and nationalities due to the close proximity of the University. They also have the Center for Therapeutic Education (CTE) class on their site as well as a State pre-school. The school mascot is the Ellwood Eagles and the main PTA Fundraiser is the Monarch Miracle.

Technology is a big focus at Ellwood School with each classroom (with the exception of TK/K) having an Apple TV. They house the district's pilot PC Lab. Each student in 5th and 6th grades has a Chromebook for their use, one 4th grade class has 1:1 Chromebooks and the rest of 4th grade has 1:2. Third Grade has 1:3 Chromebooks and K-2 have 5 iPads per classroom.

5. Superintendent Update:

- Presented future DAC Topics for 2015-2016
- Discussed State and Local Assessment.
- Shared that GEF brought back the Lemon Run to Goleta Beach the week before the Lemon Festival and they earned \$11,000 this year.
- Informed that the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of Chromebooks for each 6th grade student in the district with the hopes of eventually having 1:1 for students in 3rd through 6th grades.

- Announced that the district hired a new employee to assist the Technology department.

6. School Council and PTA Reports

Amy Marston from Brandon started discussion on how schools are adapting to the recent heat wave. It was reported that Mountain View PTA purchased fans for every classroom. Mr. Banning explained how the expense of air-conditioning would be financially overwhelming for the district.

Karen van Gool shared Kellogg's experiences with Amazon fundraising with both their Smile and Associates programs. Melissa Renda from Mountain View brought up concerns about the e-Scrip program.

Homework policies were brought up and Mr. Banning suggested that parents visit the website to view the Board policy.

7. Next Meeting at Brandon School – 195 Brandon Drive, Goleta November 12, 2015 @ 9:15am:

Meeting adjourned at 11:34pm