

GUSD GES Parent Advisory Committee
9/4/18 Minutes

3:33 pm- Meeting began with Introductions

Present: Brandon: Blanca Martinez-Vargas, El Camino: Rosalinda Rodriguez, Ellwood: Karen Herrera, Ellwood: Louise Dahlquist, Foothill: Kristina Mitchell, Kellogg: Laura Ronchietto, La Patera: Rhiannon Parisse, Differentiated Instruction Specialist: Brigitte Haley, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction: Mary Kahn, Board President: Carin Ezal

- Roles and Responsibilities: attend 4 scheduled meetings per year, answer parent questions (or direct to GUSD website, handouts, or Brigitte Haley), get input from site, optional - provide e-mail, site get together called "coffee convos. with your principal and site parents"

All 4 parent ed./info. meetings are scheduled and in GUSD Boardroom this year- 401 N. Fairview
-District will send out Parentsquare reminders for these meetings for parents (grades 4-6)

- Committee suggested a Parentsquare blast sent out once a month highlighting specific services

Input:

- What is differentiation? Question from parents - explicit information sheets now available
 - E-mail to parents the information about the gifted program with link to the GUSD site
 - Parentsquare group at each school? Is it possible?
 - Or can we do an e-mail group of identified?
 - Could the parent rep. e-mail the whole school for 4-6 grade (not just identified) that a meeting is happening so all can attend that are interested?
- 2018/19 Teacher expectations- to use talking points (4-6th), independent study, introduce depth and complexity, theme (2-6th)
- Coffee conversations? Host beginning of year (in Sept. preferred)? Introduce program and services in an informal setting at own site. (principal and parent rep.-optional with teacher rep. too)
- Once 3rd graders are "newly identified" another meeting held in the spring to inform GES-Brigitte leads these
- Destination Imagination
 - some schools had CTs and some had parents (buy in is possibly different with parents)
 - Rushed out last year- late start
 - Jim Pigato maybe could put together a short little photo montage/video to get people interested in wanting to be coaches- blast out to all 4th, 5th and 6th
 - Goleta training for destination imagination TBD in Oct.
 - parent meeting for support across district maybe needed
 - District priority for 5th (as both GES committees voted last year) and then look at sites
 - E-mail to go out as soon as parentsquare is set up

- Connect to other sites
 - Help from UCSB departments
 - Add to paper (team mgrs. get) that the group determines the topic
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- Email blast to come out after Back to School Night (9/13) and not before

4:35- Meeting adjourned