

Center Street School Site Council
General Meeting
 March 26, 2015

Center Street Conference Room

Meeting called by Tracey Miller-Zarneke

I) Call to Order (Tracey)

- Meeting was called to order by Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Site Council Chairperson, at 3:04pm.
- In attendance

Member:	Attendance:
Martha Monahan, Principal	Present
Tina Vergara, Staff (2016)	Absent
Ines Bourdette, Parent/ELAC (2015)	Present
Bethany Gianusso, Parent (2015)	Present
Gwen Lipsey Parent (2016)	Present
Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Parent (2015)	Present
Nina Lee-Sowder, Parent (2016)	Present
Mychala Barnes, Instructor (2016)	Present
Poonam Leonard, Instructor Alternate (2016)	Present
Kelly Nicol, Instructor (2015)	Present
Rachel Santora, Instructor (2016)	Present
Brooke Tice, Instructor (2015)	Present

II) Sign-In

III) Approval of Previous Minutes – Approved

IV) Report on CAASPP Practice Testing

- Rachel reported that testing is going well, there were some glitches with the actual tests and headphones
- Martha notes that the accommodations for students with special needs are not where they should be, there is still more to be fixed as far as the technology is concerned

V) Input to LCAP Goals

- Tracey had some questions about safety and how to modify it to show it more clearly
- Martha noted that administration talked and decided that the new science standards can wait to be explored formally because 1- California has not adopted them yet and 2- we are currently working on a lot of other new standards and curriculum ó this changes one of the goals
 - Brooke mentioned that Renee Hoover has been using the new science standards this year
- Martha shared that we have a new monitoring tool that the teachers are completing with information about the progress of any English Language Learners
- Last year we had a lot of goals and we need to look at them and set our priorities

- SSC members are asked to send Martha the five goals that are their top priority

VI) Input to Surveys

- Gwen wanted to confirm that there was a section on the survey for parents to make comments about the math curriculum
- Martha noted that she will look at Richmond's survey to attempt to align them a little more
- Once the survey has been finished it will be sent out to all of the SSC members to look over

VII) New Business

- Some parents with current 6th and 5th grade students don't feel there were enough meetings or information about middle school in advance
 - Others noted that there is a meeting each year that was publicized in a few emails but may need to be promoted more, and offered at different times of day to allow for working parents
- Gwen shared that some parents are sharing with PTA that they have some frustrations with math and she isn't sure what to tell them
 - Other members shared that they should approach the teacher first then Martha if that doesn't help
 - Parents are also concerned that so many people are sending their students to Kumon and tutoring and are wondering why, what does that mean for our school? Are we not meeting our students' needs?
 - Poonam shared that you have to look at each family individually, there are some students that may need that extra support but other students may be doing it more as an extension or because of one bad score
 - Martha is confirming that we have math intervention in our budget and be thinking about how we continue to support that in the future
- Homework is still being discussed heavily with parents and many are feeling that it is too much and some feel that there shouldn't be any homework at all.
 - Martha shares that homework is part of the teacher's philosophy and specific for their students and their needs. This is an ongoing conversation, last year we had many parents report that there wasn't enough homework as ones that reported there was too much.
 - Many of the teachers shared that they want homework to be practice and if students are struggling then parents should write a note letting the teacher know. We feel that as a faculty we might need to communicate this more clearly. Grade level teams also need to work together to be cohesive with their homework policies.

VIII) Public Comments

- none

IX) Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 3.54pm

Minutes submitted by Mychala Barnes