

CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA
January 18, 2022, 5:45 pm
Ridgewood Commons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Annette Sligh, presiding. Sean Galt absent.
Meeting called to order at 5:47pm.

2.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

August moved. Kaycee seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF November 16, 2021 MINUTES

Kaycee moved. Karen seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: No public in attendance.

Comment on non-agenda item by member, Nancy. Cutten school crosswalk at Primrose Street gets flooded when raining, largely due to eroded asphalt and many potholes. Crossing is a mini-obstacle course. Site Council (SC) could, as an entity, contact public works. Principal Deshais will communicate the issue with them from the SC, added leverage. No opposition.

5.0 DISTRICT REPORT

CDPH revised COVID guidelines for schools. Less frequent testing. More universal tracing. This is less time-consuming than contact tracing which takes employee time, focus, energy, and processing at every level. Given a classroom exposure all students would be tested b/w days 3 and 5. A student may continue to attend if negative. Option is offered for parents to do Independent Study and quarantine at home should a child be exposed to a positive case and not want to be tested. Independent Study is always available as an option to any student/family. To date, no evidence for in-school spread. Teachers contact parents through Remind about classroom exposure. Unless a big shipment comes in, a general distribution of COVID tests to C-R families cannot be offered.

6.0 DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Consider Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA):

Sometimes known as "School Plan for Student Achievement." All schools are required to have this document. Required for Title 1 accountability and State of CA Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Title I funds used to off-set cost of Classroom Aides.

Site Council (SC) provides input to the document and draw conclusions.

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Page 8: School Climate and Academics are the two basic goals for LCAP. SC may identify Ridgewood's greatest needs.

Page 9: SC may draw conclusions from enrollment data. Kaycee noted that it is difficult to draw conclusions based on insufficient data because of COVID impediments. No meaningful data is available owing to school closures and hybrid learning during the pandemic. Additionally, because of the pandemic, stymied academic learning, social-emotional learning, and non-verbal communication learning (social cues) must be considered.

Page 11: English Language Learners (ELL): No conclusions to be drawn. Our pool is too small for data reporting, protecting the identity of students.

Page 16: Conclude that the trajectory of data cannot be followed over the last 3 pandemic years. Academic Engagement and Chronic Absenteeism has not and cannot be evaluated.

Member Question: How is enrollment for next year? Response: Enrollment is down, largely in the lower grades. Nationally and locally this is also so.

Because of COVID, CAASPP (state testing) did not occur last year. CAST is a measure of achievement submitted to the CA school dashboard, another accountability measure.

Pages 18 & 20: No conclusions. Dashboard not updated b/c data not available due to COVID. No suspensions this year, however.

Nancy asked about the Science Fair. Humboldt State holds one for the County. In the past, a teacher or appointed specialist/person made it happen. The Humboldt County Science fair is first school-wide, then goes to HSU. Member question: Could we hold an in-school or district wide Science Fair this year? Principal Deshais affirmed it could happen. Karen and Nancy, with Principal Deshais, will look into it and work on it. From Susie: another consideration: History Day is also an event at HSU, and another focused Fair we might consider.

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Similar to Ridgewood's. Different enrollment numbers on p. 9. Insufficient current data owing to COVID.

Page. 12 CAASPP: Difficult to draw conclusions. Cutten has had two full years without any assessment, so tracking student achievement ongoingly was not possible. CAASPP is back this year.

Member Question: How much time will be spent teaching the CAASPP test? Teachers: Already practicing with STAR. CAASP involves significant technological learning of the 'language' of the test. "How" to take the test (versus the content of the test or even how to be a test-taker) is another tool teachers are required to teach. Usually, once learned in Grade 3, that specific learning should carry forward. COVID setbacks mean that many teachers in grade levels from 3-5 will have to teach that anew. The schedule for CAASPP preparation this year is already in place. Practice tests will also be given.

Page 23: Possible Conclusion: Math scores low. Although data are from 3 years ago, SC anticipates this to be an ongoing concern, especially considering learning loss. More math support for students is a priority.

PROOFREADING NOTE

LCAP - "Amplify" was one science program considered, but FOSS was adopted. Documents need language change.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS:

Given the impediments due to the Pandemic and therefore lack of data, conclusions are difficult to draw. Academic Learning, Social-Emotional Learning, and Math Skills are our focus moving forward. SC will seek to implement a Science Fair in addition to other Academic enrichment opportunities. Re enrichment opportunities, accolades for Ms Smelser and stamp club, which is successful.

Karen moved to approve the SPSA with notes discussed during this time. Diana seconded. Approved unanimously.

Future projects of the SC: Review and update the Student Wellness Plan and serve as the LCAP Advisory Committee, receiving input from various sources, including especially families.

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Karen: PTA discerning whether we can do a late spring School Carnival. Redwood Acres a good prospect. COVID safe. No cost. Will work for trade, e.g. parent volunteers to work the ticket booth. Redwood Acres contacts are C-R alumni! COVID safety will be monitored before the carnival is confirmed.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:45 pm.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT – 6:57pm.