

CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
January 17, 2023, 5:30 pm
Commons, Ridgewood

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Sean Galt called to order at 5:34pm

Present: Diana Baclagan; Karen Bazzano; Jen Code; Nancy Corran; Sean Galt; Kim Goodman; Lauren Hansen; Katrin Lemmon; Nadine Seghetti; Annette Sligh

None Absent.

Also Present: Superintendent Becky MacQuarrie

No public present.

2.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Karen moved. Sean seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF November 15, 2022 MINUTES

Karen moved. Jen seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment, but member comment about non-agenda item: Request to add after school program to Remind App. Annette confirmed that had been seen to.

5.0 DISTRICT REPORT

- Cutten had lock down drill in Dec.
- Planning a mock training for teachers, with parent volunteers present also, practicing signing a child out, etc. The importance of these drills underlined by the “wake up call” of last earthquake.
- Science Fair - underway
- Spelling Bee Jan 31
 - Cutten was asked to host the regional spelling bee, and agreed. Logistics yet to be worked out.
- Gate Day was last week at Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH).
- Working to install a Panic Button in office, which goes directly to law enforcement
- New gate has been installed. 6 feet fence planned, like at Cutten. Nicer than chainlink.
- History Day, Feb 11, 2023, spearheaded by Jen Code: 4th grade teachers Jen Code and Ms Wheeler taking some students to CPH.

- Ridgewood Commons slowly coming together. Walls available for displays. Looking for science storage. Mrs Sligh and MacQuarrie to figure out.
- Joe K. did great job at CA Kindergarten Conference presentation. “Making learning fun.” Games for math learning.
- Incoming TK and K parent informational nights.
- 100th day coming up.
- Teacher evaluations in process.
- Winter concert at Winship, Jan 27.
- Cutten preparing for “Math Night” Feb 15.
- Construction nearly finished at Cutten.
 - Doing it in phases.
 - Opted for “modernization” work (vs. new construction).
 - Bathrooms upgrade and oven (big issues), soon both complete.
 - New heaters required upgraded electricity. In process.
 - Final phase: HVAC in Kitchen/MPR in Cutten.
 - Ridgewood electrical overhaul moved to spring.
 - New MPR at Ridgewood almost complete, including public bathroom and staff room.
 - Looking forward: Looking for money to build more classrooms as we head into “TK for all”, as well as playground (separate play areas required).

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION:
CA School Dashboard for 2021-2022 <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>

- Dashboard reflects general school statistics for Ridgewood, Cutten, and District as a whole. Available for viewing by all.
- State Testing (CAT): First time to have scores back in 2 years (Covid year = no testing; 2nd year = alternate test).
- Most “subgroups” of students, as a whole, met performance standards in English Language.
- Overall, still below standard in Math.
 - Key goal in Leadership Team: Improve Math Identity
- LCAP – funding received through it often focuses on socioeconomically disadvantaged/students with disabilities subgroups.
- We’ve had minimal suspensions. Suspension always last resort. Principle: View student through a lens of mind/body development.
- Chronic Absenteeism: 13.1% [5-9%]
 - Reasons:
 - More vacations (making up for lack of travel during COVID)
 - More sick leave
 - More independent study leave, without being finished.
 - Social Workers reach out to them.
- Lost “Distinguished School” award on the basis of our absenteeism last year.

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Grandparent arranged for soil to be donated to the garden
 - Can we put out an APB for someone to organize a Garden Volunteer Club?
 - Could the garden be used as a resource for social workers?
- Beautification Day: Will discuss further at March meeting. To select a day in April.
- Member suggestion: A Cutten-Ridgewood Movie Day?

Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT Closed at 6:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Corran