

CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA

May 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

Ridgewood Commons

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

Also Present: Superintendent Becky MacQuarrie

Absent: Sean Galt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, Karen Bazzano called to order at 5:31pm

2.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

Kim moved. Lauren seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2023 MINUTES

Kim moved. Nadine seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: *No public present. No comment.*

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 District Report

- o TK and K Assessment Screenings
- o Mrs Pitts – Band and Orchestra Concert Cal Poly Humboldt
- o Preparation for Summer School and Summer After School
 - Extra Day for After School because of 30-day requirement
- o Organizing Fall Teachers and Classrooms
- o Open House Nights at Cutten and Ridgewood, great success at both campuses
- o Animals in classes – life sciences
- o Construction updates:
 - Final walk-through of building and grounds at Ridgewood,
 - Oven almost finally completed at Cutten. Training still needed.
 - Chef Alonso made amazing “home cooked” meals as best possible with just the warmer.
- o SAI and Library: switching location
- o TK new playground behind the “learning lane”.
- o Board approved early release for TK, at 1:05pm. Parent pick-up. Option to stay hour if bus needed.
- o CAMPUS SAFETY

- Both campuses safety/emergency drills. Successful. Earthquake and Lockdown.
- Assistant Chief Brian Stephens and Katie Hall (analyst) came to witness and assess. Officers helpful to troubleshoot issues/glitches.
- Annette would like to propose colored coded vests for the safety Team.
- Goal: Take anxiety out drills, and actual emergencies. To make it routine.
- KIM: Please send power point to staff. Very helpful. Good resources for staff and teachers. Lockdown handouts posted in each classroom.

5.2 Review Single Plans for Student Achievement

5.2.1 RIDGEWOOD:

- Chronic absenteeism (7.28% current) and Suspension
- Comment: not too concerning coming out of COVID in addition to being an actual small number of students in both categories. Despite small number of actual students, still red-flagged because of percentage threshold.
- We need to show what we are doing to counter, e.g.:
 - Ensure we have postings
 - Correct number of text books, etc.
 - Using Student Attendance Review (SAR) process
 - Additionally, home pick-ups; Morning calls; Review bus routes with child/family.

JEN, comment: Humboldt has disproportionately high ACE students. Standards are context blind, therefore evaluation based on numbers may be uneven or inaccurate.

5.2.2. LCAP Review (LCAP a 3-year plan – next year is 3rd year)

Two Goals:

1. Academics

TIP in part funded by this

Adding Math Intervention programs next year

Bringing in new strategies, improving practices

Growth Mindset and Math identity

Maybe also incorporating math in after school

Outdoor learning space – a hope. Could not happen because ADA accessibility requirement, space is not fully DSA approved.

Looking at Social Studies curriculum

2. Environment (safe and welcome)

Social/Emotional Learning – social workers

HVAC also part of LCAP funding

Custodial help

Chef for school meals (fully funded with state, more help needed in cafeteria)

Jen moves to approve SPSA for Ridgewood and Cutten Elementary School.

DISCUSSION:

- o Becky would like more parent feedback. Jen recommended, food and child-care at such a meeting.
- o Nancy: re Goal #2, 5th-6th especially, noted negativity in school “culture”, teasing, putting one another down, derogatory language, disrespect. Others also noted unwelcoming behavior, including on bus. No magic remedy for this. Some of this behavior is age related (not to mitigate/excuse, but to understand brain development). Reinforce good goals and strategies. “Even if no one watching.” Note the “kindness” campaign. Reinforcement of school motto. Perhaps a pep rally (self-confidence) Positive developments: buddy system. “PTA Mat” – tool for reconciliation and bringing together. Hold discussions about problem solving. SEL learning is happening in classrooms.

After discussion, Katrin Lemmon seconds motion.

Approved by unanimous consent.

Karen B leaves due to another meeting. Lauren takes over from vice-chair.

- 5.3 Review of District Wellness Policy (per PB 5030 and AG 5030)
Food quality and requirements, followed. Everyone has opportunity to order lunch. Options, all healthy and nutritious.
Playground, grass, blacktop: Campus great for activity. Track resurfaced at Cutten.
JEN, comment: Thanks to PTA who provided lots of healthy snacks for school testing. Unsure whether lunches will be universally free to students next year.

Nancy moves we approve the wellness policies for Cutten Elementary School District. Nadine seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

- 5.4 Discuss Election of New Site Council Members
Lauren going into second year. Willing to continue.
Diana B. first year of second term. Willing to continue.
Nancy ending first term. Willing to re-up.
Kim, Nadine 1st year.
Katrin Lemmon going off. Not running.
Karen Bazzanno, term ended. Not running.
Jen to continue serving on SC.
Annette will review bylaws to ensure we have proper representation of classes of members.

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Wolf Creek.

Jen registered her class. Possibly not enough rangers this year. May or may not work out. WC may be prioritizing needs of older kids first. Could be 5th or 6th field trip.

Date for Beatification:

Tentative: October 11 or October 18 at Ridgewood.

For further discussion: Incorporation of Garden during need for breaks.

Annette Slight offered gratitude and thanks Site Council members as she concludes her first year as principal. Gratitude was reciprocated.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:30 pm, Ridgewood Commons

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Lauren at 6:56pm