

Gerber Elementary School Site Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Call to Order – 3:04 pm

Members Present: Administration (Jenny Marr), Todd Bateman, Julie Matlock, Loriel Hernandez, Melanie Nolan, Cort Mitchell, Christina Tatro, Judy Grana

M/S/C Approval of Minutes

2 Regular Meeting January 17, 2017

Mitchell/Matlock (8 to 0)

Camp Kesem

3 Camp Kesem is a camp that services children whose families have been touched by Cancer. They are the NEU non-profit charity of the year and we have two Gerber students that were accepted to attend this year!

Triple A/Honor Roll Trips

4 There have been parent requests to change the field trip activities to increase student motivation due to the length of time we have had the current activities. There was a discussion about what alternatives we had given our remote location. Some ideas included Rare Air and the movie theater. It was proposed to come up with two more activities to use in annual rotations for the first two trimesters and continue the end of year trip to Water Works Park.

Review/Update LCAP Goals

5 There was a new LCAP Rubric from the County distributed to members. It utilizes data from specific years to compare in order to assess whether adequate changes/improvements are being made.

The report depicts changes in Equity Groups (formerly Sub Groups) and scores them based on “increased”, “maintained” or “declined” when compared to previous years data in targeted areas. Equity Groups may include Low SES, English Learner, White/Caucasian and Special Ed. In order to qualify as an Equity Group a school needs to have a minimum of thirty students in that category. LCAP Goals and Spending Priorities were distributed for discussion.

Members agreed to maintain our current goals of Student Achievement, Student & Parent Engagement and Facilities.

There was a discussion about e 54% of students being serviced by the Learning Center and that upon further inquiry that number includes a significant percentage of EL students.

We currently have 3.6 FTE in the Learning Center.

We currently have 1.4 FTE in RSP.

We are having difficulty finding services in the County for some of our Special Ed students. We are currently classified as a Small School Consortium and that is in part what is hindering our ability to adequately access Special Ed resources. If we can get our classification changed to Program Operator we would have more control over our funds and what resources we could provide. However, this would come with an increased responsibility on our behalf to meet Special Ed requirements. This change in classification would require creation of a Coordinator position and possibly increasing our RSP personnel to 2.0 FTE to compensate for the added responsibilities. It was discussed how much cost differential we would get and actual increase to student services would be attained with the extra work load and responsibilities on the Coordinator.

It was mentioned that changes to the RSP positions could leave an opening of a .6 FTE ELD teacher and that may be a difficult position to fill which could negatively impact the ELD program.

Members agreed to at least maintain our current 1.4 RSP and 1.6 ELD positions in order to allow adequate time to see change.

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In discussing the Technology Teacher it was mentioned how difficult and demanding that position is considering it incorporates tech support and teaching. We may need to look at the job description again and scale back the amount of tech support responsibility to allow for more planning, preparation and teaching time.

Due to meeting time constraints the remaining discussions and agenda items will be tabled until February 28, 2017.

Adjourn – 4:15 pm

Matlock/Mitchell (8 to 0)