

SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
January 21, 2014
District/County Office Room #4, Loyalton, CA
(Poly-com to Downieville School)
3:30pm
Meeting Notes

Present:

Merrill M. Grant, Ed D, Superintendent
Marlene Mongolo, SELPA Director
Marla Stock, Site Administrator, Loyalton High School
Derek Cooper, Site Administrator, Loyalton Elementary, Downieville School
via poly-com from Downieville School
Barbara Jaquez, Certificated
Camille Alfred, Certificated
Augustine Corcoran, Certificated, via poly-com from Downieville School
Megan Meschery, Certificated and Sierra Schools Foundation (SSF) representative
Pat Doyle, Certificated and Co-President, Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
Steve Folsom, Parent, via poly-com from Downieville School
Tim Driscoll, Board Trustee
Jeanne Miller, Parent
Laraine Sei, Confidential Employee
Rose Asquith, Business Manager
Sue Roberts, Personnel Technician

Absent:

Mike Hale, President, Sierra-Plumas Classified Employees' Association
Blaine Donnelly, Director Technology
Claire Schumacher, Certificated Employee
Allen Wright, Board Trustee

Meeting commenced at 3:30pm

Purpose and Protocols of Meeting

Dr. Grant stated that information from this council was to be shared with school personnel and the general public to encourage greater involvement. Participation in the council by parents, educators and community members will ensure that the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will accurately reflect the District's program focus. He reported that the 2014 calendar of council meetings will be scheduled in January, March, May, September and November.

Introduction of DAC Membership: latest district news as shared by Council

Derek Cooper, Augustine Corcoran, and Steven Folsom were participating via poly-com from Downieville School

Barbara Jaquez reported that she has been busy working on the upgrade and maintenance of both the District/County and Loyalton Elementary School websites.

Pat Doyle stated that the Governing Board settled a 4.5% salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2013, plus a 2% schedule increase effective July 1, 2014.

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Dr. Grant reported that Derek Cooper has been assigned site administrator for the alternative education program (Independent Study and Sierra Pass Continuation School). Dr. Grant will lead Downieville School on Monday mornings and Wednesdays.

Augustine Corcoran extended appreciation to the Sierra Schools Foundation for their generous purchase of computers and technology devices for Downieville School.

Representative Leadership

Dr. Grant encouraged participants to add topics to the council meeting agenda.

Budget-Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for S-PJUSD

Rose Asquith presented a LCFF handout and reviewed the new revenue funding formula. She explained the funding formula will be comparable to the 2007-2008 revenue with a “hold harmless” clause that will boost the revenue slightly. Rose stated that the Necessary Small School formula will eventually not provide funding above the LCFF rate and also that Washoe County schools’ ADA will be reported on the District apportionment. To benefit the District funding formula, the target for unduplicated supplement funding is 50% and concentration grant funding is above 50% (Free/Reduced lunch, English Language Learners, Foster Youth). The pupil enrollment target is as high as the District’s student population; current District unduplicated count is 49.3%. Suggestions were given on how to increase that percentage; “all call” from administrators or District office, a prize “drawing” for incentives, and another mailer to parents.

Technology Task Force Update from Inaugural Meeting/Progress/Next

Megan Meschery reported that SSF funded the majority of the cost for 20 I-Pads for Downieville School. Sierra County Office of Education contributed to the purchase and also funded 30 Goggle Chromebooks for Loyaltan High. Discussion ensued regarding the teachers assuming a pro-active and an aggressive approach to technology, parents in the classroom engaging students in technology-based exercises, and professional development funding for common core teacher training. Pat Doyle stated that Blaine Donnelly had visited his classroom to teach students basic computer systems; the process evolved into students-teaching-students.

Dr. Grant recommended that the Task Force committee meet monthly between the scheduled DAC meetings.

Facilities (current projects/needs/next steps)

Dr. Grant briefed the council on the current projects being addressed:

- Ag Barn Fire Damage and Repair – The construction and repairs will begin in January
- High School Parking Lot Paving Project – The Governing Board will address the construction manager’s estimate cost for the Loyaltan High parking lot at the February 2014 Board meeting
- Middle field track construction and irrigation repair –A four lane track (5 lap mile) and irrigation repair for water resources project may be included in Kevin Nolen’s project estimate. The goal would be to finish improvements by August 2014
- Multi-year repairs and maintenance on all facilities will move forward

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation

Dr. Grant offered a PowerPoint presentation and briefly discussed the timelines for which the District Governing Board will be accountable for approval of the budget and LCAP by June-July

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2014. The District should receive the State Board of Education (SBE) LCAP template no later than March 2014.

Open Discussion: Student Academic Support Systems

Council discussed student support systems:

- Before and after school programs, Saturday School, tutorial, remediation, GATE testing after-school programs at Sierraville School
- Transportation issues associated with before and after school programs
- Study halls
- Parent involvement; parenting classes
- AVID (currently cost prohibitive)
- Career Technical Education
- Computer labs for parents and students

Sierra Schools Foundation (SSF) Report

Megan Meschery reported the \$8,000 from letters and a \$10,000 private donor contribution were received. Teachers could apply for grant dollars. Cross-country skis, boots and poles were donated by Royal Gorge resort.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 3:30pm

Agenda Items: Budget 2014-2015, Technology Task Force report

Adjourn 4:58pm

Submitted by Sue Roberts