



LUCILLE M. NIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL Minutes

December 7th, 2015

Call To Order by Tim at 2:48 pm

Members Present: Mary Pat O'Connell, Tim Edmonds, Amanda Higgins, Stephanie Lobell, Elizabeth Pierce, Courtney Smith, Kim Powell, Ann Kwolek, Andy Dimock

1. Welcome PAUSD Trustee Ken Dauber/ Trustee's Report and Q & A
 - Top board issues being worked on; all day kindergarten was recommended by a task force and will be brought to the board. As of now, looks like the board will support this. It will be a strong investment and will meet the needs of everyone. Looks like it may be on the budget for next year. District should reach out to kindergarten teachers to talk to them about the change and start on a positive foot. Board Policy to have flexible classrooms numbers.
 - Elementary enrollment management – EMAC says it looks like Los Altos Hills students will not be moving schools. 13th elementary school (reopen Garland as an immersion school or Greendell?) or add more classrooms here at Nixon.
 - Jordan changing name?
 - Policy regarding transgender students – tomorrow night is being brought to the board for approval. It would be nice to have resources for the teachers (and parents) to support this.

2. Approval of minutes from November 2nd, 2015 meeting
 - Mary Pat motions to approve the minutes
 - Elizabeth seconds
 - Minutes approved

3. Principal's Update/Update on SPSA Writing Data from Spring, 2015
 - Clarification about writing scores for SPSA; the percentages that were told about meeting the TCRWP were not accurate. Mary Pat did the calculations herself for every student! (See page given by Mary Pat). Data collected was about % of student who made a year growth; Average growth at each grade level; % of students who met end of the year benchmark; CAASPP data; and the relationship between CAASPP and end of the year district benchmark. TC has a sense that based on the Common Core standards was too big of a jump to middle school, therefore the benchmark for TC is set beyond the Common Core to make sure the students are prepared for middle school. Target benchmarks that the teachers set for themselves has changed based upon the percentage of students who met the ending year benchmark in informational writing. The targets at each grade level will change on the SPSA, not the actual goal.
 - This change was approved by the site council.

4. 2015-16 Site Safety Plan Goals (site council serves as the safety committee)
 - Do we need a communication committee? How do we make sure the parents know about Nixon information? Right now there are a lot (too many?) different avenues to communicate the information at Nixon. When there is too much communication, people start to tune out. Can we streamline the communications? Maybe 2 ways to get the information to the parents. We want to help parents know what to pay attention to. Increase site safety through this communication? What is the goal of improving communication? Can we define it? Site Council, Teachers, Principal, and PTA would have to work together to plan this out!
 - Access to building – for non pod classrooms.
 - Emergency Action Plan - Can we have support from Stanford? Card for your wallet in case technology is not available. Make sure parents know who can pick up their kids since school cannot release students who are not allowed based on the info in infinite campus. LA county school district
5. CELDT (CA English Language Development Test) date from Fall, 2015
 - can be moved to next month
6. January Meeting (1/11/16) and Agenda Items
 - CELDT data
 - Site Safety plan (communications)
7. Comments, questions, suggestions

Adjourn at 4:12 pm by Tim

Schedule of Remaining Meetings (All Mondays):

DATE	REFRESHMENTS
January 11 th , 2016	Andy Dimock
February 1 st , 2016	Elizabeth Pierce
March 7 th , 2016	Lauren Hahn
April 11 th , 2016	Kim Powell
May 2 nd , 2016	Mary Pat O'Connell