



District Advisory Council (DAC)
May 21, 2015
8:30 – 9:50 AM

Council Membership

Heiko Sweeney – Akers Principal	Nancy Davis – Central Principal
John Partin – Neutra Principal	Bill Bilbo - Stratford Principal
Lori Holaday – Akers Parent	Christa Orton – Central Parent
Mark Haley – Neutra Parent	Maribel Ochoa – Stratford Parent
Elizabethhe Lozano – Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services & Human Resources	

Call to Order

I. Meeting Called to order - Chairman, Mark Haley called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

The following individuals were in attendance: Mark Haley, Christa Orton, Danny Llamas, Margaret Gladders, Elizabethhe Lozano, Nancy Davis, John Partin, Scott Chennault, Cindee Rael, and Bill Bilbo.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Haley opened with meeting and introductions were made.

III. Reading and Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2015 meeting

All of those in attendance reviewed the minutes of the March 26, 2015 DAC meeting. It was motioned, second and passed (MSP) by Nancy Davis and Elizabethhe Lozano (Davis, Lozano) to accept the minutes. (6-0)

IV. Provide clear copy of Bylaws for each member. (EWL)

A clean copy of the DAC Bylaws was provided for each member.

Liz indicated the revision date of 3/26/2015.

It was motioned, second and passed (MSP) by Nancy Davis and Christa Orton (Davis, Orton) to accept the bylaws. (6-0)

V. Update on K-3 Report Cards (CR)

After a three year process, K-3 report cards have been aligned to common core standards.

The committee had a representative from each site and the team used sample report cards and Tulare County Office of Education for input to assist with the development of K-3 report cards.

Mr. Haley asked if the new report card goes with common core and is a teacher evaluation for students. Cindee replied, report cards never are a reflection of one assessment. Report cards are a communication based on several sources from a teacher to a parent.

Liz said this is not an unusual question. Standards are what teachers use to reach goals and objectives. Diagnostic, formative, and summative tests will still take place in the classroom. Report cards are always aligned to standards. Benchmarks will not reflect the whole picture, and Illuminate testing is not benchmarks.

Liz shared, Illuminate testing is an online summative test that is used to measure growth through the school year. Illuminate has been developed to mimic SBAC testing and is used in place of the older benchmarks used in recent years. Teacher's developed the benchmarks and have indicated they do not want to continue to create benchmarks and be a test maker.

Report cards will be available online. Danny was pleased, indicating it will be an advantage to

know what standards will be required in the upcoming grade levels. Scott shared a paper copy will be shared at the parent/teacher conferences at the first trimester. Mr. Haley asked more time be available for conferences. Liz replied, that is a site decision for planning the conference schedule.

VI. Professional Development (EWL)

Liz began her presentation by stating 2014-2015 school has been a difficult year for professional development. TCOE has supported our district by providing seventy trainings for our teachers. Mr. Haley asked about the teacher's "buying in" to the training. Liz responded, we need to look at the whole picture. Some teachers gained more than others.

During the 2015/2016 school year, there will be coaching days supported by TCOE, KCOE, and Cheryl Wahl. Coaching will be held at the sites sometimes in the classroom without a sub or one on one with Cheryl Wahl for technology coaching.

There are eight contracted professional development days each year. This year the district has decided to use six PD days and offer two Teacher's Choice. The district will pay for the class and substitute teacher for the Teacher's Choice days.

Due to teacher surveys and requirements, 2015/2016 PD will focus on ELA, Next Generation Science, and 21st Century Learning.

(See attached presentation)

VII. LCAP (TA)

Cindee shared the state is still trying to get the new rubrics figured out. There is more clarification needed to make sure the District LCAP aligns.

Survey data was collected from parents, teachers, and students. A main concern from the surveys is student behavior and social skills.

VIII. SBAC/Assessment Update (SC)

Scott indicated iPads used during SBAC testing were very successful. As a whole, the testing went well. The biggest challenge were SPED accommodations. TOMS does not mesh with SEIS. New students enrolled up to May 22nd will be required to SBAC tested.

Margaret asked how will the district know if those new students enrolled have already been tested? Scott replied, it is electronic and we see which tests have been completed on the SBAC testing website including partial tests too. This is quite a process including determining if the new enrolled student has been tested, to providing the necessary materials to the sites, and the sites completing the testing. Margaret asked if the student comes from a non-participating state if they need to be tested. Cindee replied, yes any incoming student that has not been tested at a previous school will need to complete the SBAC testing in our district.

Mr. Haley shared the keyboards were an issue during testing. They were hard to use and they were cumbersome. Nancy shared students not using the keyboards during the year is a disadvantage and should be used to support SBAC testing. Scott shared SBAC requires a hard-wired keyboard be available to all students. His suggestion is to encourage students use them through the year so they will be more comfortable with them during testing.

IX. Lightspeed (Mobile Device Management) (MT)

Scott shared, Lightspeed is a new mobile device manager. Mark feels it is a better choice and is faster and has a better lock-down.

X. Questions and Concerns

Mr. Haley asked what percentage of iPads are being lost and recovered during the year. Scott replied, CUSD is experiencing a 4% loss and between 5% and 7% is an average. Mr. Haley asked how those iPads are replaced. Liz said, there is Technology plan for iPad replacements. Also, when teacher iPads and laptops are replaced, the old teacher devices are used as replacements for student iPads. Mark asked if some were sold at auction or yard sales. Bill shared sometimes the older devices are given to students as an incentive reward program. Liz added if a device is stolen or damaged off campus, the holder's homeowners insurance will cover that loss.

Liz reminded principals she needs the names of DAC members for 2015/2016 school year.

Mark thanked the committee for the opportunity to represent DAC. He added he is disappointed at the attendance from parents and administration. Liz added sometimes Assistant Principals will cover for Principals.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Presentation Center.

Please note the 2015/2016 DAC meeting dates:

All will be held in the District Presentation Center at 8:30 a.m.

September 17, 2015

November 19, 2015

April 21, 2016

May 19, 2016

Adjournment

It was motioned, second and passed (MSP) by Elizabeth Lozano and Nancy Davis (Lozano, Davis) to adjourn the meeting. (6-0)

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:54 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Burrow