Mar Vista Elementary School

School Site Council Meeting, December 10, 2013

2013-2014

Meeting commenced at 4:35 and concluded at 5:28

1. Welcome - Present – Jennifer, Dorothy, Todd, Alicia, Kirstin, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Christine

2. Review minutes

 -- Kirstin moved to approve. Alicia seconded.

3. Bond update (handout from Brett)

-- at the January 14 meeting, Brett will talk about L-Cap and LCFF – both funding programs. Todd says that funding looks good for our district. Todd will follow up with Brett as to when our meeting will be regarding detailed plans of what we would like to do with the four area of bond implementation at Mar Vista. If Brett can’t come to us, we will go to him. Alicia said she would look into the possibility of online conferencing.

4. Review SIP and Update (Handout - School Plan Worksheet - Three School Wide Goals) -- SIP will be turned in tomorrow. Pages 1-21 are all auto-filled by program that looks at our statistics. Reviewed three goals.

 -- Goal 1 - Academic

 -- Goal 2 - English Language Learners

 -- Goal 3 - School climate.

 -- Kirstin asked about status of Peaceful Playground. She'll check with Risa re developments. Todd talked about an alternative called Solutions Circle. They do it at Aptos High. But, first, we'll check into Peaceful Playground, which looks like it will be around $4000.

 -- GATE and/or Depth of Knowledge training – there are already plans to conduct teacher training at staff meetings by Lynn Olsen.

 -- Kirstin signed off on SIP

5. Review School Safety Plan (handout)

 -- should include page numbers in packet

 -- make sure all phone numbers are correct

 -- Todd reminded us that the Safety Plan is a work-in progress

-- Todd says we have 3 staging areas in case of evacuation. Staff will meet about it tomorrow at the staff meeting.

-- Alicia suggested making a pre-recorded message that goes out ASAP. She will draft something for Todd’s approval.

6. Open / Other Information

 A. Benchmarks / Transition

-- in the past, we have had the CST in the Spring. Some 5th grade students will still be taking science portion. We've received some information regarding testing that will be phased in starting this year for 3rd – 6th graders only. This year there will be a sample test. Sounds like the state and federal governments are still in discussion over what CA is supposed to do. As of right now, according to Todd, California is shortening both tests (tests should take 3.5 hours for shortened version for both subjects) for all sites. Testing will only affect Grades 3-6. Testing is supposed to occur sometime between March 17-May 16. No one will get any results for this first year.

 -- API will be frozen for 2 years during transition.

-- the idea is that every elementary school will eventually get Google Chrome books or some similar tablet.

-- Kirstin made comment that parents aren't getting much information on benchmark achievement, and now with the reduced test, it doesn’t make sense that results won't be known to kids, teachers, or students. Todd says we should voice our concerns to State Superintendent Torklinson.

 B. Parking situation

-- Todd will include a flyer in the Thursday folder after the holidays to remind parents about parking lot etiquette.

 C. Santa Cruz Children’s Museum of Discovery (pamphlet)

-- Stephanie met with the President to discuss this upcoming attraction. The President wants to attend an MVP meeting in January to garner more interest and volunteers with this project. The Museum includes a mobile education building that potentially can travel to different school.

7. Next meeting - Tues, Jan 14

Handouts

Last meeting's minutes

SIP school plan

Safety Plan

Santa Cruz Children’s Museum of Discovery