

**Notes of the Special Meeting
District Advisory Committee for Categorical Programs**

September 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Sandy Lattemore, Amy Smith, Jennie Felkins, Maxine Hamblin, Suzanne Francis, Minden King, Diane Brown, Pam Ragan, Leanna Glander, S. Scott Gates, Kris Scott, Pam Sheppard, Donna Cyr and Doug Kaelin were present.

Angela Thompson, April Robinson, Cadie Honan, Nelda Andes and Geri Clayton were not present.

Welcome, introductions of new members and review of DAC purpose

Mr. Kaelin welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Committee reminding them they are an advisory group.

Superintendent Update

Wolverines Committed Program (Athletes Committed) - Mr. Kaelin let the Committee know about different events the program has provided to parents and student athletes. Ms. Brown asked how the program benefited all students and Mr. Kaelin stated that all students and parents were invited to every event. Also the events targeted team work and school pride. Ms. King asked about other trainings and Mr. Kaelin said there would be others programs throughout the sporting season. Mr. Kaelin explained that the program is funded by a grant for \$15,000.

Elementary Curriculum Update

Ms. King gave an overview of the school year so far. She went over the STAR test scores, spoke about the two staff development days they've had so far and let everyone know that things were going well. There was some discussion regarding the Illuminate software program and being able to get the test scores on-line.

Secondary Curriculum Update

Mr. Kaelin spoke about the new Integrated Math program that the High School is starting to use. He stated that all districts will be heading in this direction. Mr. Kaelin said Mr. Howell the HS math teacher is excited about teaching the new math. In answer to a question, Mr. Kaelin said that colleges were accepting the Integrated Math classed to meet their requirements. There was discussion about the program.

Update on Common Core Implementation Plan

Mr. Kaelin gave an update on the Common Core Implementation Plan and Ms. Ragan passed out information regarding the grant (see attached). A resolution was taken before the Board of Trustees on September 4th and was approved. Butte County did an analysis and BUSD is the highest rated district in the County for our technology. Mr. Kaelin said he will be getting teams

together to review the draft Common Core Implementation Plan, which was also passed out at the meeting.

Update on Board Goals 2011-2014

Ms. Brown asked why the District doesn't celebrate the successes and accomplishments of their teachers and students more. It was suggested that Teachers could be brought before the Board to promote their successes.

There was discussion on the STAR testing and Mr. Kaelin said there was a bill on the Governor's desk to be signed doing away with the testing. California wants to move away from the testing. Because of federal funding the Federal Government will have to give their approval.

Update on district/school safety plan implementation and drills

Mr. Kaelin showed the members an example of a new emergency flip chart that was purchased. The flip chart is bright colored plastic with removable slots to keep information current. One will go in each classroom. He also said that new safety locks will be installed on all classroom doors. He explained how the locks work. Ms. Hamblin asked if we should be having other drills besides fire drills. Mr. Kaelin said they are working on a calendar with other drills. He has been in contact with the Sheriff's Office to have emergency drills and they will come out and assist. He also said that the school buildings need to be better identified because emergency personnel wouldn't know which building was which. It was also mentioned that an All Call would go out to notify parents about the drills. There was also discussion regarding having a "lockdown bucket" in each room to be kept for emergency purposes. The bucket would hold a first aid kit and other supplies which should only be used for emergency purposes.

The Richvale well pump breaking was brought up and Ms. Brown asked if the RES teachers could have more authority to handle emergency situations in Richvale and Mr. Kaelin said everything needs to be handled out of the District Office for continuity.

Budget Update

Local Control Funding (LCF) & Small Necessary School Funding (NSS) – Mr. Kaelin said the State hasn't given any clear answers as to how much money the districts will get yet. Mr. Kaelin did mention that two big negatives of the changes are that EIA goes away and how NSS are identified. The NSS will affect RES and BHS. He said the mileage rules have been changed. This change has effected 13 high schools in the State and he and other Superintendents are going to the Capitol this Monday and Tuesday (9/30 & 10/1) to discuss the situation.

Summary of DAC Parent Involvement Discussion, April 2013

Mr. Kaelin gave a summary of the DAC Parent Involvement Policy and there was discussion on the handout list. There was discussion on how the Illuminate software will be easier for teachers and parents to use and everyone is excited.

Ms. Glander left at 5:10 pm

Mr. Kaelin passed around the Positive and Negative Note Cards that he had made for the teachers to use for their students. He explained the concept and everyone was very excited about them.

Mr. Kaelin gave an overview of the District goals.

Ms. Hamblin left at 5:12 pm

Ms. Felkins left at 5:13 pm

Discussion items from committee

Mr. Gates told the members about a math common core training he went to during the summer at Chico State. He said it was very good. Mr. Kaelin said that Biggs is looking into using the same trainers from Chico State to work with our teachers.

Ms. Ragan left at 5:30 pm

Ms. Brown asked how to strengthen English Language Arts. Ms. Francis asked when we will be able to get a new ELA program. Mr. Kaelin said when the State passes it. He suggested looking to see what other Districts are doing and get in on their coattails.

Ms. Lattimore asked if Illuminate has any kind of “chat room” or “dashboard” that Parents can use to connect with each other. Mr. Kaelin said they will look into it.

Topics for next meeting

There were no topics identified for the next meeting.

Mr. Kaelin reminded everyone that Friday was Homecoming and that the Parade was at 3:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

District Advisory Committee 2013-14 Meeting Dates
All meetings are held in the District Office Board Room, 3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday, January 23, 2014
Thursday, April 17, 2014