

**César Chávez Climate Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2013**

**I. Introductions**

Present: Denise Beck, Anastasia Panagakos , Amy Duffy, Lisa Baumeister, Krista DeZerega-Thomson, Eva Dopico

**II. Climate Parent Education Event Planning**

At the last meeting it was suggested that the school counselor, Katherine Allgood, could do a follow up presentation on Kelso's Choices and friendship skills on May 28th (the last scheduled climate meeting). Ms. Allgood is unavailable that night so the committee is exploring two alternatives:

1. Ms. Allgood would do a presentation during early October as part of a back to school effort, once the students have settled into their routines. By delaying the event until October Ms. Allgood would be able to use the analyzed data from the climate surveys to help structure her presentation.
2. In lieu of Ms. Allgood's presentation the committee will invite Kate Snow from the district climate committee to present on AB 9 or Seth's Law that requires mandatory reporting of bullying by all persons working with K-12 students. The committee thought to broaden the audience participation to other climate committees, site councils, the Davis Parent University and PTA leadership around the district. Anastasia would contact Kate to see if she would have time or be interested.

**III. Climate Survey Data Sharing**

Anastasia shared the initial data from the student climate survey noting briefly that the overall social climate was positive. She continues to work on analyzing the data and comparing it to last year's results. Sylvia Kwon could not be at the meeting but continues to work on coding both the parent and student write in responses.

**IV. District Climate Update**

There were no district climate updates at this time.

**V. First Grade Yard Transition Parent Coordinator**

Marsha Baird has reported that kinder parent Ashley Giovannettone will be next year's parent coordinator. Ashley attended the meeting and the committee discussed the recruitment of parent volunteers at both the Transition Meeting in May and Back to School night in August. It was suggested that an email could be sent from the kinder teachers to this year's kinder parents letting them know about the volunteering opportunity ahead of time and that perhaps the volunteers from this year (next year's 2nd grade parents) could help transition the 1st grade parents by shadowing them for the first few weeks on the play yard and lunch area.

**VI. First Grade Volunteer Yard Duty and Playground Re-design**

The committee had not yet heard back from Mark Damesyn who had agreed to contact a friend in the UC Davis landscape design program to discuss the possibilities of finding professionals (or students in training) who would be able to provide the school with suggestions regarding the re-design of the first grade play area (by the trees). Anastasia would send a follow up to Mark for an update.

On May 2 Sra. Beck would be hosting the transition to first grade meeting with kinder parents. She would mention the volunteering opportunity to work on the play ground. There was added discussion regarding how the lunch supervisory staff could introduce themselves to the children and could be better known. It was suggested that the staff supervisors could read to the children during class a few times, that the

student council could create a short video that introduced each supervisor and a poster that would do something similar.

### **VII. Counselor Report and Update**

Sra. Allgood has returned to Chavez after her maternity leave. The committee learned that SIPAT is willing to increase her hours for next year from the current level of 10 to 15. Pioneer is also interested in sharing her position again at their current level of 10 hours. Sra. Beck is facilitating this and noted that the added hours may influence her benefits package. The committee also discussed a parent concern regarding how to access the counselor when a parent would like help for their child. Sra. Beck noted that it should be done through the teacher who would then recommend the student to the counselor. It was suggested that at the beginning of the school year Ms. Allgood could send an email detailing her role, hours, and availability.

### **VIII. Student Council and Playworks**

Sra. Beck updated the committee and reported that the student council has been helping with Playworks as peer leaders. Krista noted that this arrangement worked well and that it eased the burden for parent volunteers. Raychel Adler still needs more parent volunteers however and it was suggested that perhaps she could approach the outgoing 1st grade parents who helped with yard supervision to continue on with Playworks.

### **IX. Parent Resource Library**

The committee is pursuing the idea of a parent resource library. An email will go out to the list-serve describing the project and also soliciting for books or book suggestions.

### **X. New Discussion Items**

Eva Dopico discussed the need to remind parents at the beginning of the school year regarding animals, bicycles, and cars - particularly on the playground before and after school. A discussion about the rules of after school play also followed including the rules around Pokemon cards. While Pokemon cards are not allowed at school the committee discussed how some children continue to bring them and trade after school. Sra. Beck that this can't be regulated necessarily if it is done at the city play structure (although it was noted that students would need to bring them to school in the morning to have them for after school which would not be allowed).

### **XI. 2012-13 Remaining Meeting Date**

May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Questions or comments about these meeting minutes should be directed to Anastasia Panagakos (panagaa@crc.losrios.edu) or 530-753-2378