

Chavez Climate Committee Meeting

December 1, 2011

I. Introductions

Present: Anastasia Panagakos, Amy Duffy, Sharon Davies, Lynn Angelo, Jann Murray-Garcia, Diane Wilson, Denise Beck

II. Climate Updates

a. Climate Survey

The district office has had the three surveys translated into Spanish. Anastasia will finish uploading the surveys to Survey Monkey and have them tested on a few students.

Sharon Davies will coordinate with Sra. Beck to get the ball rolling on scheduling the time in the computer lab. The survey will be done the week of February 6-10. There will be a protocol for the teachers and lab technician to make sure the survey is administered the same for each class.

There will be a two week window for the teachers to do the survey, maybe February 1 and 8th. The question was raised whether the children should answer in Spanish and English, Jann said that the language that is most comfortable for them should be used to get the best, most real responses. Jann has offered to find someone and help pay for translating the Spanish responses into English when we have the data set. There will be a time when the lab will be open for the parents to come in and do the survey either before school or after.

Questions were raised: Do we need to identify the parent population of Spanish speakers and free/reduced lunch students to get hard copies of the survey to parents who do not have access to the internet? How will we market the survey to parents to be sure we get a broad parent representation? Diane would like to try and get a more robust response by the parents by getting the word out in other ways - through ELAC, the auction, etc. How early do we get the word out? Sharon suggested that the 4-6 graders put it in their agendas as a homework assignment to tell their parents to do the survey. Sra. Beck says we need to understand the scope of the need of parents who might need help with the survey (either in Spanish or orally). Denise will pitch the survey to the kids, maybe get student council to pitch it to them in an assembly. Denise will schedule a meeting during the survey time for the ELAC parents to promote the survey.

The committee needs to decide whether all parents in one household should answer the survey or just one parent per household (but one survey for each child at CCE).

b. Kelso's Choice Scheduling

Sra. Beck finished the Kelso schedule with the teachers and will start next Monday. Lynn wants to know if Kelso could be done in January because of the 1st grade concert schedule. Sra. Beck said that was up to the teachers.

c. Counselor Hire

There were 24 applicants for the position, many have just graduated. Sra. Beck and Amy Duffy will be interviewing 5 candidates tomorrow for the position. There were no applicants within the district but many are local within Yolo/Sonoma counties.

d. Playworks

Lynn Angelo reported that a new game was introduced each week. She introduced the game to all 100 first graders during PE. Kids have opted to play the games even during morning recess, this week, however, the game was harder to facilitate (and the weather was windy). Kids like having the options, at other grade levels it has been used during PE. One concern during one day was two groups playing the same game but one line was longer and the others didn't want to go to the shorter line because it was a different grade level.

Raychel Adler could not attend but sent the report that she had great student participation with the lunchtime games but could use more parent volunteers. She would like for parents to volunteer even if they didn't have the training, she would help with the training during lunch.

e. MME Transition Team and Plans

Amy Duffy is contacting people at MME to get a transition team formed. There is a lot of discussion about the south Davis school situation and the future of Spanish immersion at MME. There is much uncertainty with MME and the future. The CCE climate committee would like to look at the bigger picture but right now the parents are preoccupied with the future of the site.

f. Student Council

Sara Caulfield was not present to update the committee on student council.

g. Playground supervision

Sra. Beck is checking with 1st grade parents to organize the meeting for next year. Sra. Beck has the schedule for meetings for the transition for K parents. We would like to have the parents identified in May, who will organize the parents, and then we can have parents lined up for August.

Diane expressed that her level of discomfort with the ratio is personal and that other parents don't seem to share her sentiments. She doesn't know where to go with this discomfort and the low ratio of students to supervisors. Diane wanted to bring it up because she wasn't sure it is where the school would really like to be. What would be the ideal? Sra. Beck said the ratio is limited to the amount of money we have to pay people that comes from the district and is determined by the number of students. The bottom line is always the budget. Last year the Davis School Foundation paid for the supervisors. Amy suggested we come up with a best practices for school recess/lunch time.

III. New discussion items

No new items were discussed.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 7:00 p.m. in Room 20.