

César Chávez Climate Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2012

I. Introductions

Present: Amy Duffy, Anastasia Panagakos, Jaime Lizarraga, Catrina Wagner, Mitsuko Leonard, Rosie Segura, Krista DeZerega-Thomson, Leanne Villa, Marsha Baird, Sylvia Kwon

II. District climate committee policy read

III. Election of Officers:

Amy Duffy and Anastasia Panagakos co-chairs nominated and elected, secretary- Krista DeZerega-Thomson

It was unclear at this meeting which teachers would be representing the staff on the climate committee.

IV. 2011-2012 Final Report was circulated

V. 2012-2013 Goals

- a. Establish monthly meetings - last Tuesday of each month, alternating after school and evenings.
- b. Climate Survey - 2nd and 3rd week of February is survey time (and is now in the community calendar)
 - a. Bullying questions - with girls more verbal, with boys more physical
 - a. it happens and needs to be addressed systematically, more likely on the playground and not in the classroom. Check SIPAT website for climate survey results.
 - b. District helped define bullying. A clear distinction between bullying and teasing, definition of bullying and teasing.
 - c. Improve culture, bullying is not all that matters, give kids the language to address conflict
 - d. Teachers - stated they observed some bullying, did not have time to address the issues and therefore would like a school counselor to help address the issues and to support the students.
 - e. Survey data is evolving, suggestions are welcome for improvement or changes.
 - f. CCE only school that does this survey. Some questions similar to the California Healthy Kids survey which is administered every 2 years to all 5,7, and 9th graders. District mentioned this could be a model for other schools. District approved survey but have not provided any follow through for a district wide survey or climate committee action.
 - g. CCE Climate committee works with SIPAT: attends SIPAT general meetings, SIPAT hosts the climate webpage, work together on the counselor hire
 - h. SITE COUNSEL - survey is placed on site plan
- a. School Counselor and Kelso Choices
 - a. Amy has sat on three rounds of interviews. We had one counselor, Susie Carrel on a limited basis four years ago. Provided Kelso Choices for K-3, and Peace Train for 4-6. Since then no counselor has been successfully hired. Counselor position is funded through SIPAT.
 - b. Collaborative joint position, shared with Pioneer, Katherine Allgood, previously at Harper. Per VP Matt Duffy, Ms. Allgood is excellent and effective. She will serve 10 hours at each site, for a total of 20 hours per week. She is working on Kelso Choices, setting up meetings with each site. Plan to start ASAP.
- b. Kelso choices rewards program, parent education, <http://kelsoschoice.com/>
- c. Collaboration with SIPAT, Site Council & others
 - a. SIPAT October 9 at 7pm in room 20.
Thank SIPAT for funding school counselor and Kelso choices

VI. UPDATES

1. Playworks

Raychel Adler brought play works to CCE. It is a playground play available with adult support. This week's game is switch. This provides a non competitive option for play that includes movement, action and fun. This is Raychel's update for the beginning of the school year:

- Last week we had our first few days of Playworks, playing Ro Sham Bo Relay. About 60 or so kids from lower grades played the game and a strong showing of 4th06th graders as well.
- This week the game is SWITCH.
- Ten people (9 parents and one teacher) came to the Playworks training on Thursday.

- We have 12 volunteers at this time who are ready to go.
- We could use some more help on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays if we can find some more folks interested.
- I have now created a CCE Playworks Playbook that has instructions and information about all the games we will play this year (organized by season). The games will build from the basics these first few weeks to more challenging skills and game types over the course of the year. Different skills and techniques will be taught each week. There is a copy of the playbook in the shed and it was also given to each of the Playworks parent volunteers.
- Each week will feature a Game of the Week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at lunch recess. Additionally, some parents will be working with their child's classroom/teacher to teach these games during PE or other class time.
- We have a shed on the playground that houses all our balls and supplies.
- In the future Raychel will also be offering about two spots a week where teachers can sign up to have her teach their class the Game of the Week. This will hopefully begin in October.

2. Student Council

- Advisors - Sara Caulfield, support Lynn Angelo and Sra. Dopico
- Sara Caulfield provided the following updates:
 - Advisor this year - Sara Caulfield who attends and prepares every lunch meeting. Lynn Angelo, is the first grade primary liaison for student council. While she cannot attend meetings (she is teaching) she meets with me regularly to review activities and reflect on how to integrate primary grades more readily; Eva Dopico, 2nd grade teacher is our official Spirit Day Coordinator!
 - Council members went and presented spirit day ideas to every Classroom in grades 1-3 last Thursday
 - Class reps (2) from each class attend weekly Wed meetings during lunch recess
 - A 2 hour leadership retreat meeting took place in the MPR last Friday 9-11. Raychel Adler led kids in Playworks games to get to know their team better. Wonderful! Kids also received student council handbooks and started to brainstorm activities for the year
 - Students have voted on spirit days for the year which will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with the exception of the first one which will take place this Wed: Crazy socks
 - Sra. Beck is supporting student council in the following ways: Funds a separate copy account, purchased 25 1" binders for council members handbooks, paid for a 1/2 day sub so I could lead kids and prepare materials

3. 1st Grade Playground Transition & Parent Volunteer Supervision Program

- Two parents at lunch recess, feel parents need to be there.
- on playground, challenge is that 1st graders can go anywhere. Play games of war, chase, grab, warnings and few instances to go to the office. Anastasia has reports of bullying. Marsha is aware of a few conflicts but they are manageable.
 - How can parents help students problem solve conflicts, maybe a training session with school counselor to implement Kelso's Choices.

4. Lunch Time Routine & Supervision

- Used to be three lunches, now two. Just the number of kids eating and on the play ground just seems like too much. How hard to go back to three lunches.
- Tables over crowded, kids having difficulty with sunny spots, finding a place to sit, and getting through the hot lunch line fast enough
- Lunch after play? Four of primary schools in DJUSD are doing the recess before lunch.
- Lunch supervisor behavior

Several 1st grade parents working the lunch tables have noted that one of the paid supervisors is disrespectful to the students: addressing children's dress codes, manner of speaking with the kids, grabbing kids clothes. How do we address this while Sra. Beck is out of the country. Can Mr. Parker address these issues?
- Request the interim principle to supervise lunch supervisor.
- Concern about lunch time transition from classroom to lunch tables: not enough room for kids to fit at tables, needed to add a table but still have space constraints. Kids coming from hot lunch are having

difficulty finding a place to sit. Kids are not eating their lunches, maybe anxious about space and going out to play. Transition from lunch tables to play yard is like cattle herding, with yard duty waving arms to slow children down. Once out at yard, kids are amped up and observing increased physical interactions.

I. New Discussion Items

- A. Transitioning in kids from Montgomery. Now with an added 5th grade class at MME there type of school transition has changed. Some CCE families are now at MME while other MME students (in grades other than 4) are coming to CCE.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday October 30th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 20

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