

**César Chávez Climate Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2012**

I. Introductions

Present: Denise Beck, Anastasia Panagakos , Amy Duffy, Krista DeZerega-Thomson

II. Counselor Report

The counselor is coming Thursday and Friday mornings for 5 hours per day. She has already started Kelso's Choices with the K-3 graders.

- a) Kelso's Choices - Would like a meeting for first grade lunch supervising parents and a parent education night explaining Kelso's Choices. There needs to be communication with parents about reinforcing Kelso at home and perhaps being given a Kelso sheet to take home. The committee will talk to SIPAT and Christy Freese about a parent ed night.
- b) Sra. Beck will send out an update to parents on list serve to introduce them to the counselor. She praised SIPAT for providing funds for counselor.
- c) A meeting will be arranged between the counselor and Amy and Anastasia for a Friday morning
- d) The counselor is planning with upper grade teachers. She has identified students who need extra help.
- e) The committee discussed how to prove with data that the school is benefitting from having a counselor. This will be important in justifying the re-allocation of funds from SIPAT in the spring for next year's counselor position.

III. Updates

- a) Student Council - Is fundraising by holding a book sale in December to purchase more lunch tables. One more table would be great. Sra. Beck spoke with Sra. Caulfield regarding a school mascot. In past the mascot was voted to be a bear. Need to promote a new mascot for the school. Moving forward with an animal, its characteristics need to be described. School colors?
- b) Playworks - Raychel Adler is feeling good about the program and had a few really good weeks especially with teaching the third graders the Olympic rules for four square. It would be ideal to train the teachers on this. It would be helpful to find a co-chair for Raychel on Playworks.
- c) 1st Grade Playground Transition & Parent Volunteer Supervision Program. Supervision is going fine. Sending out a schedule every six weeks. Email list working well to communicate concerns. Email parents before summer for parents interested in supporting play yard volunteering. Find a kindergarten parent willing to take on organizing playground parent duty. Talk with teachers about potential parents.

IV. Parent Concerns

- a) Lunch Time Routine & Supervision - Sra. Beck said she would contact the principals at Birch Lane and MME to see how the program of recess first then lunch is going for them. We would gauge parent opinions before going forward with it. The overlap between lunch for 1-3 and 4-6 was discussed and potentially will provide a first grade table for those kids who are still eating when the sixth graders are coming out. The practice of excusing kids to head out to recess is working well and will continue.
- b) First Grade Student Behavior - The committee received some emails regarding lunch recess playground behavior by the grassy area under the trees. An email was sent to parent supervisors to be mindful off kids behavior around the trees. Sra. Beck will have counselor address play yard behavior and Kelso. Parent volunteers were told to redirect kids to play in a different area if their behavior is not ok. Sra. Beck will send a letter to parents volunteering to work on the play yard. Please send questions to her, she will respond with an answer to all parents.
- c) Two emails from concerned parents who heard other parents labeling kids. The committee will try to set expectations for parents appropriate behavior in the parenting workshop. There was concern about parents talking about circulo levels and other confidential items. The committee discussed the usefulness of distinguishing between bullying and conflict on the friendship level and that we should try to change the language we use.

d) Parent Behavior: Parent volunteer guidelines for CCE would be beneficial since there are no district guidelines. Sra. Beck spoke with Clark Bryant about it for district wide consistency.

V. Impact of potential budget cuts on SI Program if Measure

If E and/or Prop 30 fail to pass.

Impacts of other programs for the schools. Parents are discussing other schools in Davis. What is the cost of kids leaving neighborhood schools for gate programs. How are specialty programs effecting schools. What is the impact to junior highs and high school. Not sure of the board taking steps to closing schools. MME is there to stay. If MME is to change to a dual immersion program, a proposal should be set in December.

Expect changes, not sure what they will be. For the principles, agreed to cut 10 days for the administrators and school to end. Teachers have put on the table 5 day, will not give up another 5 days. There will be cuts but not sure how they will present themselves. They will be the same cuts as other schools.

VI. 2012-13 Meeting Dates

November 27 at 3:30 p.m.

January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

February 26 at 3:30 p.m.

March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

April 30 at 3:30 p.m.

May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Given the low turnout of the 7:00 p.m. meeting the committee may revise the times of these meetings to better serve the membership.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 27th at 3:30PM in room 20.

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