

Gilroy Unified School District
SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
 (SPAC) Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 4, 2019
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Members in attendance:

Joshua Jarvis (Antonio Del Buono)	Judy-Ann Rosti (Brownell)	Centeotl Merino (Christopher)	Melissa Eaton (El Roble)
Joaquina Soulia (El Roble)	Melissa Aguirre (El Roble)	Melissa Avila-Carroll (GECA)	Susan Tran (Gilroy)
Debby Esposito (Gilroy)	Alexandria Dominguez (Glen View)	Rachelle Castaneda (Las Animas)	Lauren Moller (Luigi Aprea)
Charity Kay (Rucker)	Kim DeWitt (Solorsano)	James Pace (Board Member)	Anisha Munshi (Board Member)

Welcome & Introductions

Tonight's Topic - School Safety & Security

- Dr. Flores presented a slideshow on school safety and security.
- She talked about the many things that the District has put in place to make the schools a safer place.
- The District has looked at all aspects of school safety and how to make it the best that it can be.
- There are many aspects to our safety program including comprehensive School Safety Plans, Mandatory Drills.
- Collaboration with Experts: Gilroy Police and Fire, County Agencies, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Safe Routes to School, Heart Safe Gilroy, AED and CPR.
- Facilities Improvements: Measure P & Measure E Funding allowed for purchasing and placement of perimeter fencing, safe school locks and security cameras *(also with a generous donation from Mr. Don Christopher)*.
- Emergency Operations Center: Fully operational at GUSD District Office, we also have an agency representative at the City's EOC. We do table top drills, full-scale exercises.
- Emergency Communications: The District's Public Information Officer uses the website, among other social media platforms to stay in constant communication, as well as the all-call system, texting, email and emergency radios.
- School Climate: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS), many sites are already doing this, Character Counts, Restorative Justice.

Q: Vaping problem, somebody said that they knew there are detectors for small areas?

A: We are looking at piloting some of the detectors, we have already talked to several companies; we have been talking about vaping for about a year. This is a problem in the Nation, everywhere; the devices are easy to use without detection. The District is looking at sensors, which will be put in high traffic areas like bathrooms. The sensors will go off if there is a lot of noise, smell etc.

Q: Do we have a time of arrival as to when those will be in? Talking to Mr. Leong (Gilroy HS), we are really wanting that to be a campaign to get that off of our campus. To make it a focus, we have the STOPit App. available for our students. If there is, less comfort and availability we can help eradicate that. We are having ASB look at creating posters that can be placed in all of the classrooms and around campus.

A: If they observe students vaping, they can report it on the STOPit App now. They can report anything on this app which was rolled out last year. Students can report anything they are concerned about, weapons, fights, drugs, bullying, etc. There are students using it all the time. There are ways that the administrator who monitors the reporting can communicate with the student and if something is serious to say who they are and come and meet with the admin. (anonymously). This was rolled out mid-year last year and since then we have had a lot of reporting, it is used at the middle and high school levels.

- Thinks this information needs to get out more, a reminder would be good. This is also happening in classes.

Q: What is the disciplinary consequence; is it confiscated or given back to them?

A: It will be confiscated or given it to the police, possible suspension. Suspension does not always occur on the first offense. The District has to treat every matter individually.

Q: Is it illegal to keep it if it is not marijuana?

A: There are laws about that; our officers would be more suited to talk about it.

- Restrooms are a problem, students have a right to privacy, and staff have to be very careful about supervision.
- Vaping is such a challenging issue. We have had several trainings for our management staff. Officers have brought the products to show us and they looks like a USB drive, etc.
- This is a topic that sounds like SPAC members are very really interested in it. Our School Resource Officers (SRO) do a good presentation on vaping. We will have them come and do a presentation for SPAC.

Q: If we do a vaping presentation for another agenda, maybe we can add in intervention. At what age does drug/alcohol come into this?

A: Middle School and High Schools all have to cover drugs and alcohol in a health unit in science.

Q: We used to have the DARE program presented to the fifth grade students, is this something the District still offers?

A: Will have to ask if they still do the DARE program in the 5th grade.

Superintendent's Report

Brownell Rebuild Update:

- Weekly Dr. Flores receives a report which shows the progress, of the project, Dr. Flores shared this with the SPAC members.
- Dr. Flores and the Board Members had a walk through last week.
- The field has been cleared and all utilities have been placed underground.
- Will start doing the foundation within the next couple of weeks.
- Are bringing the buildings in February/March.
- By next spring, the 7th/8th grade pods will be up and running.
- Will not move staff in until the summer time.
- The front parking lot is already in with a new great drop off area.
- There are three phases to the project the last one is the athletic course.
- Every pod has a classroom designated for STEAM.
- State of the art tech and brand new furniture for the buildings.

South Valley Update:

- In a few months, the District will start the South Valley site design team.
- There will be a planning committee that will come up with a conceptual design for South Valley.
- Once that is done and approved by the Board, an architectural firm will create the actual designs.

- This project is a couple of years away. The District will not start South Valley until Brownell is completed for a number of reasons.

GHS Pool Update

- Have already dug up both old pools.
- Will have one big pool with swimming lanes on one end and a peninsula between the pools.
- We are really excited, we are on target to be done before next school year (2020).
- New pool, new deck, new equipment.

Declining Enrollment

- The last two meetings, Dr. Flores has talked about declining enrollment.
- Dr. Flores shared a PowerPoint that she shared at the joint city council meeting on October 30th.
- Talked about the three affordable housing projects that were built the last two years and the SGR (student generation rates).
- Harvest Park-close to ADB on Monterey, 98 units, only 17 students came out of that project, which is below the projected student generation rate. We were anticipating out of every two units, we would have a student.
- Cannery Row-near South Valley MS on Lewis Street, that has 104 units. More students were produced there. There are 45 students but still below what we used to see out of these types of units. The SGR is .43, which means out of every 10 units, four students enroll.
- Alexander Station-263 units. 140 students are enrolled in district schools and over half of those are students that were already from the districts. Student enrollment was really slow for a while. It has come up some. The SGR is currently .53.
- The District is closely following these projects, because they are the most affordable housing the City has built in years.
- The school mostly impacted is Eliot. They have 47 students from the Alexander Station project. The feeder pattern is Eliot, Solorsano and Gilroy High.

ADB-next steps

- One of the first steps identified is to create a new boundary.
- At this Thursday night's Board meeting, staff is recommending to the Board the new boundary.
- Once the new boundary is set, it will be determined which families will go to Luigi and which will go to Rucker.
- The District is using a new software called DecisionInsite.
- Once the Board approves the boundary the District will be able to notify families, which school their children will be going to.
- Notification of families is the next big step; the District is also looking at food service, and transportation.
- In January and February, H.R. will look at openings for staff, and they will be given first option as to where they want to go.
- The District is working on leasing the building. A couple of agencies have already walked through the building and are very interested.

Q: Once the boundary is drawn, do you have an idea if Luigi will qualify for Title I?

A: It is going to be very close. The District is looking at that. It would be great for Luigi to have Title I money. All other elementary schools are eligible. Luigi has never qualified.

Principals Presentations & CAASPP Recognitions

- All principals have been making presentations to the Board. This Thursday night there will be 3 presentations- ADB, Eliot and Luigi's presentations.
- Will also be recognizing the CAASPP students from those sites.

SPAC Representatives' Reports

Antonio Del Buono:

- Just had the school's trunk or treat on 10/31, it was a big success, we ran out of candy in 30 minutes. Amazing to see the community come out and participate.
- Have the Nutcracker play starting tomorrow for three showings in December.
- Other holiday events planned for the staff.
- Dr. Flores and Trustee Pace attended an event through the YMCA, where Principal Codiga was recognized. Every year they recognize a community hero this year she was one of them.

Las Animas

- Smillows fundraiser going on now, they are \$20/each. The school will make a profit of \$8 from each one they sell. Sale is through November 20th.
- Treats for Troops 11/6.
- Harvest ho-down was a success, raised \$6,500, great turnout with 400-500 people in attendance.
- In previous year in lieu of the Harvest ho down, they had another festival, and raised money and with the money raised purchased Character Counts benches, put in circular courtyard. Make it so the kids can come and sit there.

Solorsano

- School dance 11/15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- *I can help* Assembly 11/19 (teach the students how to use social media in a healthy way).
- Parent Club meeting on 11/20.
- Food pantry 11/21.
- Turkey Trot 11/22.

Glen View

- Finished the candle fundraiser.
- Harvest festival last Friday, it was a big success.
- Another fundraiser coming up.
- Principal Vasquez is working very hard taking the school to next level, both instructionally and culturally.
- The 4-5th grade teachers out with GLAD training.
- Had awards ceremony last week.
- Have several students that have over half million words read.

Rucker

- Last month Harvest Festival, was very successful, had face painting, games, pumpkin patch, pie walking, etc.
- First time using Missoula Theater, our HSC is reshaping where theater is heading.
- Next HSC meeting 11/6 at 1:30, alternating evenings and afterschool to give all parents the opportunity to attend.
- Pieology fundraiser 11/7 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- Book fair 11/18- 12/3, running it through Parent/Teacher conferences.
- December breakfast with Santa hosted by Lions Club, the theme is "Christmas around the world".
- Currently preparing for community service piece of the Annual Giving Tree & donating gifts and food to Rucker families in need.
- Enjoying the garden, beautifying campus in different ways, prepared and cleaned up other areas to make them enjoyable reading areas.
- Getting together multi-cultural committee to help put on other events at the school.

Christopher:

- Workshop for teens and parents @ CHS 11/13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- The theme is how to overcome obstacles for teenagers.
- Hope all parents can attend everyone is invited, it will be bilingual and Rebekah Children Services will be part of it.
- High school student will get community service hours.

GECA

- Just had the October general meeting, focused on Gavilan Financial Aid. Went over FAFSA and financial aid, communicated with parents on what to bring to complete forms while there.
- Wrapping up fundraisers:
 - Restaurant nights
 - Debrito Apples
 - Poinsettia sales
- Supporting ASB spirit week.
- November general meeting on 11/19 guest speak will be Dr. Rose from Gavilan College.
- Freshman family potluck 11/15.
- Continue planning Sober Grad Night.
- Wrapping at outlets fundraiser.
- Restaurant fundraisers one every month (November, Pollo Loco).
- Students are getting ready to enroll for the next semester of college classes.
- Getting high school contracts ready.
- Application for GECA due 11/22.
- Interviews in February.
- GECA had two national merits semifinalist and six commitment scholars.

Gilroy

- Senior Dinner Dance, dinner cruise, 85 students attended.
- Homecoming went well, 380 students at the dance.
- PSATs are done.
- Honor Roll Brunch, had largest participation with almost 49% of students invited 830 students. Almost all attended.
- Senior night is all completed for fall sports season.
- Takko-Machi, students visited the school.
- Rock the Mock, 11/8.
- Parent Club looking for next board members.
- Great presentation on California Scholastic Federation (CSF), there is a process to getting involved in that.
- All looking forward to Thanksgiving break.

El Roble

- Fall Festival 10/25, good turnout, raised a little over \$17,000 before all expenses (expenses were about \$4,500 last year, this year they are down to \$3,400).
- Saturday after the festival, the Mural Club went to San Francisco and worked with the Sand Castle Co., had an amazing time, nine students showed up, Mr. Otteson and his wife were there. Built an amazing sand castle.
- Little Red Riding Hood from opera of San Jose is coming to El Roble, this is new this year.
- Paint night fundraiser, downtown at the Realty Society, 11/14 doing Christmas theme, 4 different paintings (Blessed, Joy, Believe, and Merry Christmas), online registration.
- Next HSC meeting next week.

Luigi Aprea

- Programs up and running.

- Maker space is going.
- Bull-dog ambassador is going, this is a conflict resolution program where older students take care of the younger students.
- STEM program for grades 4-5, partnering with GECA.
- Planning a winter fest. Once they get dates they plan to invite ADB.
- Various fundraisers going on for the fifth grade field trips.
- Abilities awareness next week.

Brownell

- Abilities Awareness
 - Received a donation of \$1,000 through the Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation.
 - Next week will go in and will have all the supplies purchased from the donation, and parents will participate.
 - Would like to do a presentation for all of SPAC members, maybe on the night we have the special education report.
 - With \$1,000 tried the best not to make the program expensive or out of reach, so it is affordable.
 - Before using \$200 from the Parent Club to get this done.
 - Now is able to purchase more supplies.
 - Working with SPED at schools, trying to get stuff done to educate the students.
- Had very successful Halloween dance.
- A couple of teachers started "Believe in Kindness Club" this year, these past two weeks, students decorated pumpkins and walked them over to the Wheeler Manor Center.
- 8th graders took the PSATs 11/4, they had an electronic study guide available online.
- GECA came and presented last week.
- Athletic department is having a poinsettia fundraiser.
- Band is raising money for bandstands, the program is expanding, and they need a few more stands.
- All middle school bands were invited to Christopher HS on Senior Night, they played with the marching band.
- Wrestling is still going on, have a match this coming week, won against Martin Murphy, but lost against Solorsano.
- Basketball girls are doing really well.

Topics for Future Meetings

- Vaping - 12/9
- Budget & Title I - 1/13
- Special Education – 2/3
- Technology Report – 3/9