

Laurelwood School Site Council Minutes
April 18th, 2017 at 6:00PM in the Library

Attendees: Dr. Lori Rogers (Principal), Paul Fuller (guest, Vice-Principal), J'Aleta Nisby (Staff), Arwen Gutierrez (Teacher), Kristen Moriarty (Teacher), Kristi Gradwohl (parent), Kelly Neary (parent, Co-Chair), Rachna Bhatt (parent, Co-Chair), Nate Schofield (parent), Angela Ren (parent), Gerald Bessette (guest, parent)

- I. Call to order and review of agenda
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Kelly Neary. The agenda was reviewed.
- II. Review and approve minutes from March 14th meeting
 - The March 14th meeting minutes were presented for approval. There was one change: Angela Ren was listed as having attended the meeting, when she was in fact absent.
 - **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the March 14th, 2017 meeting with the change to remove A. Ren from the list of attendees (moved by R. Alves, seconded by K. Gradwohl, unanimously approved)
- III. Opportunity for public input and comments
 - None
- IV. SCUSD News
 - Dr. Rogers reported that there is no update regarding the architect interviews for Patrick Henry. The process for the Agnews project has already been started since an architect has been hired. There is a possibility that this architect will be hired for the Patrick Henry project depending on the success of the Agnews project.
 - Dr. Rogers attended the April board meeting and reported that the Board firmly voted on the goal of 1:1 devices for every student. LW won't need to use its funds to meet that goal except to supplement the devices for 2nd, 4th, & 5th grades. These supplemental devices would only be to replace any broken or outdated devices. LW only has 1/3 of what is needed in 1st grade. They have 2 full carts and still need 3 more carts.
- V. Laurelwood site news

- Dr. Rogers reported that the roll out date for the ST Math online program for K-2nd grades will be 5/1/17 and be available through 7/1/18. Staff development for this software will be offered in Fall 2017 for 90 mins each week. The teachers will first teach the topics in class and then the students can work on the program at home and even during the summer break. ST Math is only a visual program but it is interactive because it allows students to learn from their mistakes and monitor their own progress.
- Dr. Rogers reported that 3 temporary teachers at LW were laid off. The interview process for the open positions has been put on hold because there are not enough positions for all of the available teachers with contracts who get 1st priority.
- Dr. Rogers reported that Green Week is coming up on 5/1 – 5/5.

VI. ELAC report

- R. Bhatt reported that April is Multicultural & Bilingual month. LW is participating with the Multicultural Dance next week on Fri., 4/28. Summer school focus for this year is project based learning. Lego based robotics learning and creative writing will be offered this summer on a first come, first served basis.
- R. Bhatt reported that there is a pilot program happening at Hughes Elementary where 1 class has been allowed to take their Chromebooks home at night.
- R. Bhatt reported that currently a program called Frontrow for English and Math is being tested. There is also another program out there for English learners called Quizlet where the older grades make flash cards for younger grades.

VII. 2017/2018 Calendar

- The SSC members reviewed the proposed LW calendar of events. K. Neary reported that the minimum days still needs to be voted on by the staff.
- **Motion:** To approve the 2017/2018 LW calendar of events (moved by K. Gradwohl, seconded by R. Bhatt, unanimously approved)

VIII. 2017/2018 Elections

- K. Neary reported that there will be 2 SSC community member positions vacated for next year. An email will go out requesting community members nominate themselves for these positions; nominations will be due on Fri., 5/5. The election period will be open for 2 weeks until the 5/19 election date using Google docs or Survey Monkey. Paper votes will also be available.

IX. SPSA Update

- Dr. Rogers reported that a new upper grade software will be brought in to replace ALEKS to support the District's mathematics goal.
- Dr. Rogers reported that the District is also planning to hire 2 coaches who will visit all of the district schools in order to support the goal of enforcing good behavior among all students. Mr. Fuller is working on a matrix that will help in deciding what the appropriate consequence would be for each level of behavior infraction.
- Dr. Rogers reported that there is \$70k left in the current budget since Laurelwood lost the upper grade support teacher. Only 40% of the budgeted amount can be carried over to next year, so we need to spend it down. Funds will be set aside in anticipation of hiring a new upper grade support teacher. We could possibly set aside \$50k for the upper grade support teacher.
- Of the \$70K, \$6K can be allocated to hourly, instructional support (e.g. SOAR, coding club, etc.) under Salaries.
- Under Books and Supplies \$10K can be allocated to Classroom/Office supplies
- Dr. Rogers reported that the District pays for a Wellness Coordinator to oversee the interns. Laurelwood pays for 1.5 days a week and the District pays for the rest of the week of the intern's salaries. LW had an intern named Miss Shannon who has expressed that she would like to return to Laurelwood. J. Nisby stated that Miss Shannon was great and very helpful.
- Dr. Rogers reported that we should table Reading Recovery until the District decides whether to pay for it. Reading Recovery is a 1:1 session before the school day starts for at-risk reading students. Laurelwood's budget does not support Reading Recovery.
- Dr. Rogers reported that under the Services and Operating Expenses category, we could increase this budget if anyone needs to attend training for SPSA goals but the Union does offer scholarships for conferences. Need to double Licensing to \$20k for ST Math, Dreambox, Quizlet, and Frontrow. Laurelwood bought interactive projectors last year and now the District is handing them out to various schools. The additional 1st grades carts needed were already covered under the 2016/2017 budget.
- Dr. Rogers will play with the numbers and will re-send the budget at a later date.

X. Announcements

- None

XI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next SSC meeting is on May 9th, 2017.