

GSF Meeting – May 8, 2013

- Location: Glenwood School Multi-Purpose Room
- In attendance: Julia A. Wong, Bob Marcucci, Becky Spence, David Hafner, Christi Bozic, Lisa Bordley, Michael Mink, Jo Pocock, Kerrie Malone, Tami McCall, Brad A. Wong, Tory O'Keefe, Windy Baldrige, Ramina Winton, Matt Winton, Nicolle Dougherty, Lisa Salomon, Michelle Montakhab, Jill Sheehan, Caroline Jensen, Koorosh Khashayar, Valoree Brovelli, Amy Allen
Guests: Mike Watenpaugh, Leaf Allen (student)
- Meeting called to order by David Hafner at 7:05 p.m.
- New members roll call – Michael Mink
 - Brian Lahart & Matt Winton
- Approval of April meeting minutes – Michael Mink
 - Becky Spence made a motion to approve. Michelle Montakhab seconded the motion.
 - Motion unanimously approved.
- Mike Watenpaugh, San Rafael City Schools Superintendent
 - GSF thanked for the donation to the Yes on Measures A&B campaign.
 - School board is planning for next year.
 - Developing next year's budget.
 - State will send out their budget revise.
 - Legally, they must have a budget ready by June 30.
 - May be a shift in local school funding formula. (e.g. funding for English learners and socioeconomic disadvantaged students, of which SR receives more under this formula).
 - K-8 enrollment continues to grow.
 - 900 children added in K-8 in last 5 years
 - Only 1 remaining elementary classroom available for 2013-14
 - Portable classrooms will be added at some schools (Bahia Vista, Short, Coleman).
 - Initiating a master facilities plan to help provide data for another facilities' bond
 - Establish transitional kindergarten programs.
 - Is there any available land in the district for purchase for another school to be built?
 - Consultant will review this.
 - Implementation of Common Core State Standard.
 - Preparing students for college or 21st century workforce.
 - No remedial courses required for students entering college.
 - Implementation at the high school level is planned to be phased in over 7 years.

- Implementation at grade school level will be phased in over 3 years.
 - Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is part of that implementation.
 - Need to have high level of computer literacy skills.
 - Much more writing involved.
- Researcher came in and looked at what students did upon graduating from high school.
 - 70% of students from San Rafael went on to college.
 - 60% of those students ended up coming back.
 - Only 30% graduated in 6 years with a bachelor's degree.
 - Characteristics of college graduates:
 - Leave kindergarten with reading skills
 - In 2nd grade, score “advanced” in STAR testing (30% of students did)
 - Scoring “advanced” in both math & language arts.
 - “Proficient” is not enough for college graduates, although the state recommended striving toward “proficient” or “advanced”.
 - 70% of kids are not scoring “advanced”.
- Implementation of Common Core provides level of critical thinking not found in “No Child Left Behind”.
 - Emphasizes “critical thinking and mastery learning”
 - New standards more about the teaching than the program.
- Principals and staff will be reviewing school programs.
 - Identifying what may not be necessary and how they want to focus their time.
 - Professional development required for teachers/staff is significant.
- Attendance will be tracked differently.
 - Students that miss 20% or more of days are “chronic absentee”.
 - Most prevalent in kindergarten.
- At Glenwood, Bob/staff are going through the process of carefully reviewing their schedules.
 - Need to be staffing the schedule as opposed to scheduling the staff.
 - Teachers/Bob have proceeded to identify what an ideal schedule would look like.

- Dad's Club: Koorosh Khashayar
- Discussion around how the roster of candidates was chosen.
 - Several announcements via school wide email and at last GSF meeting made to the parent community asking whether they would like to be considered for one of these roles.
 - Suggestion made to implement a formal "Call for Nominations" in the future.
- Brad Wong made a motion to approve entire slate of candidates. Michelle Montakhab seconded the motion.
 - Motion unanimously approved.
- Thank you expressed and gift of appreciation presented to Kerrie Malone & Terra Condit for all their work in coordinating the auction.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Michael Mink, Secretary