



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Services

District Advisory Council Meeting *Minutes of the January 18, 2017*

DAC Members Present:

Christine Saavedra, Birney Tech Academy
Esther Mejia, Rivera Elementary
Melissa Galaviz, So. Ranchito Dual Lang. Academy
Rosana Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts
Mery Guerra, No. Park Academy of the Arts
Suzanne Rodarte, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy
Mark Gutierrez, El Rancho High
Susana Rodarte, Ellen Ochoa Prep

DAC Members Absent:

Elva Contreras, Durfee Elementary
Jose Castillo, Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences
Marvella Nuñez, No. Ranchito Elementary
Maria Figueroa, Rivera Middle
Jose Castillo, STEAM Academy
Lorraine Espinoza, Salazar Continuation High

District Personnel:

Erin Lopez-Cadena, Coordinator, Categorical Programs
Ana Fisher, Program Improvement District Resource Teacher

Guests:

Dr. Teresa Merino, Board Member

Opening and Flag Salute: Mrs. Esther Mejia, opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m., led the flag salute and welcomed members.

Quorum: DAC-No

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

Second:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Second:

New Business:

1. ***“The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)”***:

- Erin discussed the History and Background of the Science Standards (slideshow)
- Are the NGSS the Common Core State Standards for Science? (Slideshow)
- Why new standards now? How were the NGSS developed? (slideshow)
- Fuentes stated that there is a Science Curriculum Council made up of teacher representatives. There are a total of 6 teachers to collaborate on curriculum. Teachers break down the standards to provide framework to work on. Teachers during the summer created lessons to have for other teachers to use.
 - We have new standards but no textbooks to go with the standards. The lessons created will help. Teachers created hands on lessons, experiences to take back to their schools.
 - Secondary Science teachers are deciding what will work best for our students.
 - The Elementary Schools are using the integrated approach.
 - The Secondary Schools are using the isolated approach.
 - Project Base Learning is bringing more Science experiences into the classrooms.

- Erin continued with the slideshow presentation:
 - What are crosscutting concepts?
 - What are Scientific & Engineering Practices?
 - Asking questions is one of the best practices in Science and all other areas.
- Erin played the video “Next Generation Standards”
- Fuentes shared great Science activities that parents can do at home with their children.
- California Science Test – Slideshow
 - CAST
 - Spring 2017 (Pilot Test)
 - Pilot test (optional) no test scores will be available, it will help teachers know what the students will be tested on, it also helps the district for the future
 - Spring 2018 (Field Test)
 - Spring 2019 (Operational Administration)
 - Training test for teachers are still not available for teachers
- Fuentes shared that there is a link on our website for Science (link to NGSS website and NSTA.org) more information for parents. There are tools that parents can do with their students

2. ***Other business, as needed:***

- The CAST will be a brief assessment for our students
- Ms. Lopez shared the Family Math Night which will be on February 1, 2017 at Salazar High School from 5:30 to 7:00.
- Dr. Merino asked, how are we selling the NGSS (Next generation science standards) to our ERUSD teachers? The curriculum council has been collaborating for the last 2 years. During the summer several teachers collaborated to make Science lesson plans. All teachers have access to them.

Announcements:

Next meeting is March 15, 2017.

High School is having a 5K – all information is on the website

Reading Night – February at Birney

Math Night – March @ Birney

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Susana Rodarte

Second: Erin Lopez

Minutes by: Ana Fisher