

CITY OF SANTA ROSA HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Public Meeting of the Board Teacher Advisory Committee was called to order on November 29, 2011, in the District Board Room, 211 Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, by Vice President Haenel at 3:33 P.M. President Pugh was absent and Director Jeye attended as an alternate.

In attendance

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice President Haenel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

TOPICS

ELEMENTARY REPORT CARDS

Committee members discussed difficulties associated with using the current elementary report cards in eSchools Plus.

A list of concerns was handed out to members of the Committee and Rainer Wachalovsky responded to those concerns.

It was clarified that Computer Technicians cannot help with the software. This is something that must be negotiated with the unions.

New eSchools Plus application will allow comments. There are three options for teachers: 1)write comments for one trimester, 2)write no more than 500 characters, 3)revise the report card, and allow more space for comments.

An email from the IT Department was sent out in October explaining how to enter text comments.

Teacher commented that information sent to teachers was not explicit for them to understand, and that teachers need consistent training.

If more training is needed, contact principal, training can be done at the sites or at the District Office.

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Teachers would like to review and see the entire report card before they are printed, as well as having more time to write comments.

Some report cards have come up with no grades, some fields are redundant, overwhelming work, and parents don't understand.

If a student cum file is missing the report card, Principals have access to them, and Principals can print them even though teachers cannot once student transfers.

Teachers should be notified when students are leaving the school so they can enter the grades of the student.

To have better communication, all concerns must first go to the principals and work the problems with them.

Report Cards were printed and sent home in a timely manner. No concerns were communicated to Gail Eagan.

After the winter break, the IT Department will have new software that automatically will allow staff to open documents and emails even if the computer software has not been updated. This information will be sent out to staff by email.

The IT Department has no control with issues caused by OARS. Each browser interprets the information in a different form. Teachers should contact Technology if they cannot open the browser.

If we need to make changes to the Report Card, we need to meet and come up with solutions that must be taken to the Board for approval.

Report cards must be in English and Spanish and easy for students and parents to understand.

Any substantial changes to the report card will be done in 2 years when the standards will be changed. At this time, the District is waiting for guidance from Sacramento.

Some minor revisions will be done after the winter break for the next trimester. We will have two-sided report cards, English/Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee members discussed possible improvements to professional development that allow greater collaboration.

Program Improvement comes with additional funding for this year only to specific sites.

There are issues with the restricted/non restricted funds, and we are trying to find more freedom with the restricted funds. In the next two weeks conversations will take place with principals and department chairs for funding allocations.

Teachers should work with principals regarding proposed professional development.

Sites are communicating with teachers through the department chairs, the department chairs with the principals, and principals are communicating directly with the Curriculum and Instruction Office. There is a lot of communication with professional development.

Professional Development – Project LEAP is supported with district funds.

Teachers requested to infuse technology in the curriculum, to be trained in technology and to have a follow up training with Nancy Miller regarding the new website.

It was commented on ways teachers could meet together for professional development, teacher training teachers, organizing our own conferences for our own teachers, having same subject teachers share information with teachers from other sites.

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REVISITING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

Principals reviewed the SRTA survey and would like to continue the collaboration to support teachers and student learning.

Working with teachers and their requests and convey information to principals.

Having teachers meet with other teachers and ask them regarding their feelings with professional development.

Helping teachers get the word out by working through the department chairs and administrators, and sharing information with other sites.

OTHER

There were no other items for discussion.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board District Teacher Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Haenel adjourned the Teacher Advisory Committee meeting at 5:00 P.M.

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