

Site Council Minutes 9/12/2016

Present:

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Jane Geason

Iris Love

Cynthia Plank

Megan Schuette

Regina Sun

Harriette Vimegnon

We will need to recruit one more teacher. Please forward to other site council members who may not be on the email recipient list above.

If you have corrections let me know. Are minutes to be posted on the Beaumont website?

Student success and programs:

Beaumont enrollment is approximately 572 students, down from 608 last year. Staffing changes include a new full time Art teacher, 6th grade math teacher, half time PE teacher, a paraeducator, bilingual EA, and an additional half time counselor. We no longer have a SMS position, but retain eh part time Restorative Justice position.

Copies of the CAP report were distributed for comment. Please respond to Harriet or Regina as soon as possible. An updated CAP is due to be complete by next week.

The Beaumont Family picnic is Friday Sept. 16 at 6pm.

Student planners were discussed as a main tool for organization. It also has a section for the School's Core Values, which are good to have kept front and center. A new \$5 fee is charged, this has been shown by other districts to increase retention and focus on the planner. 6th grade pay rates are higher so far, and about \$1000 has been collected (of the approx. \$3000 cost). Most school fees are now payable via School Pay.

Student Council is getting reevaluated/reconfigured.

Forecasting sheets need to be proofed better before going home to students. There were errors in the band elective offerings and descriptions.

PE is mandatory next year for all students and the district is working on a Middle School Implementation plan. Expect changes to the schedule, and perhaps the number of periods and the length of the school day.

High School readiness is adequate according to feedback from high school students and teachers. The course failing rate is evaluated frequently and decreases from 6th grade through 8th grade as students learn how to better complete their work and be accountable. The AVID program and student supports available are important in accomplishing this.

Homework is being deemphasized at Alameda and Rigler, but they continue to work on student organization with planners.

More teachers will receive QTEL professional development (<http://qtel.wested.org>) QTEL is geared towards helping english language learners, but can help all teachers improve content delivery to all students.

Mrs. Vigmenon attended an inclusivity conference over the summer and learned more about SWIFT (<http://www.swiftschools.org>), which could help Beaumont teachers improve techniques for differentiated teaching and learning.

SBAC results are available from the district or from your students core teacher (I think).

School Safety and Environment:

Bottled water in dispensers will be used for the remainder of the school year. Students should bring a water bottle from home to use if they have one. We are looking for ways to collect donated water bottles for students who don't have one. The kitchen can only use pre-washed food items. Lunch choices seem to be compromised and staff have observed that students aren't as enthusiastic about lunch. Perhaps we could do a survey?

The HVAC system is on pretty much continuously, and remediation of problem radon rooms has been completed.

The PTA may fund new carpeting for the Library.

Community Care day was a success with 36 volunteers signed-in plus others who didn't sign in. We would like to have 1-2 addition grounds clean-up days this year. There will be a dedication for Mr. Eltagonde's memorial trees in October.