

Graham School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 01-10-2019

Time: 4:30pm- 6:00pm

Location: Large Conference Room (904) at Front Office

Attendees:

Members: Hafsa Mirza, Michael Hermosillo, Vern Taylor, Ryan Santiago, Claire Weber, Kirstin Solorzano, Jessica Lee, Arundhati Bose, Manny Velasco, Laurie Balch, Anita Chang, Jose Virgen

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mirza at 4:35 pm.

Minutes of last SSC meeting on 11-08-18 were reviewed, and Jessica Lee moved they be approved, seconded by Anita Chang. Motion was carried to approve.

Graham School Climate Survey review was presented in detail by Vern Taylor.

Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) survey for grades 6 & 8 was administered for the first time. Of some concern, the student participation in the Climate Survey dropped from 81% to 74%, although participation in the SEL was 94%.

Among students the **most favorable** responses in the Climate Survey involved (1) feeling they won't be bullied online, (2) feeling respected by teachers, and (3) feeling encouraged by teachers. **Lowest favorable** responses among students were (1) feeling disrespected by other people at school, (2) feeling connected with adults at school, and (3) feeling behavior of other students hurts their learning at school.

Overall, since 2017 **favorable assessments** by teachers and staff of the (1) overall learning and social climate and (2) effectiveness of school leadership have improved significantly.

Overall, Graham parents are well **below District averages** in their perception of school safety, fit, climate, student support, and family engagement. There was a discussion about whether this was simply a "perception problem" that can be solved by more parent engagement (letting them know what is really going on at school), or if this reflects actual problems in these areas that the school may not be aware of. There was also discussion of

classroom misbehavior (reflected by low student favorables on this issue) and how it can best be handled.

Michael Hermosillo mentioned having a Principal's Coffee and/or evening event to present results of Climate Survey and discuss issues raised and possible solutions.

Graham California Dashboard review was presented in detail by Vern Taylor. Data available at www.mvwsd.org/dashboard or, for Graham specifically, at <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/43695916047989/2018>.

Results are reported visually in the style of a dashboard gauge with an arrow pointing to red ["bad"], orange, yellow, green, or blue ["good"]. 5 x 5 grids are also used to show results as a function of absolute performance vs. performance relative to prior year (increased/decreased significantly, increased/decreased slightly, maintained).

Under California's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan, Graham may qualify for support through the Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) program or the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) program due to the two-year underperformance of the SED, ELL, Hispanic/Latino, and SWD student groups in ELA and Math.

Future agenda items:

We will need to make adjustments to the School Site Plan to address findings in the School Climate Survey and the Dashboard report.

Any other suggestions for future agenda items should be emailed to Chair Mirza.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mirza at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Chang