

Graham School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 04-04-2019

Time: 4:30pm- 6:00pm

Location: Large Conference Room (904) at Front Office

Attendees:

Members: Hafsa Mirza, Michael Herмосillo, Vern Taylor, Ryan Santiago, Claire Weber, Kirstin Solorzano, Jessica Lee, Arundhati Bose, Anita Chang, Laurie Balch

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

Motion by Laurie Balch to approve minutes from last SSC (03-07-2019); seconded by Arundhati Bose. Motion carried to approve.

Update: School Site Plan -- presented by Vern Taylor

ELA

Intradistrict Writing Assessment (IDWA) event happened: teachers from around the District conferred to make sure assessments are consistent.

Accelerated Reader program is being considered. Cost for all Graham students to participate would be about \$13,000.

ELA RTI: Results are very good, about 200% of typical yearly growth was seen. Currently assessing which students are responding the best.

Math

Co-teachers were surveyed about how to improve next year.

RTI: good result, about 100% of typical growth.

Achievement gap: after school interventions

1. "Read to Success": 20 8th-grade students are in 2nd week of 7 week program.
2. "The Beat" (homework help) involves mostly 6th graders, but open to all

3. "Homework Club": several teachers involved, all subjects covered.
4. New program for "skills help" (targeted instruction): Mr. Turner and Ms. Chiao.

Human Capital: Teachers are meeting weekly.

Inclusive and Supportive Culture

On March 18, 2019, teachers and some classified staff spent a staff development day training on the SEL program "Mind-Up." The objective is to improve engagement with students and get them ready to learn.

Next Steps:

- Continue refining RTI
- Add coding as math option
- Develop more choices for ELA wheel
- More work on SIOP
- ELL: looking for something fresh
- SEL: targeting 3 "brain breaks" per day

Update: CAASPP -- presented by Vern Taylor

Upcoming testing:

- ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessment for CA)
- SBAC for ELA: grades 3-8 and 1, computer adaptive test and performance test (includes essay)
- SBAC for Math: grades 3-8 and 1, computer adaptive test and performance test
- CAST (CA Science Test): grades 5 & 8, covers Next Generation science standards (disciplinary core ideas, science/engineering practices, cross-cutting concepts)
- CAA (CA Alternative Assessment): taken only by small subset, about 20 Graham students.
- Physical fitness test: grades 5 & 7

Demo and more info can be found at: www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training .

Test scores are used for:

- Developing pacing guides
- Scheduling intervention or enrichment
- Planning/scaffolding instruction
- Monitoring and modifying School Site Plan

CAASPP: April 23-24 (practice)

CAASPP: April 30-May 10 (actual), ELA is first

Update: Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL): “Mind-Up” training occurred on March 18.

Update: Science Fair -- discussion led by Hafsa Mirza

Hafsa Mirza conducted an online survey of attitudes about science and Science Fair at Graham. This was not a scientific study and was for opinion-gathering only. The survey was sent to all subscribers to Graham Chat and to ELAC. There were 51 responses over 4 days; the ELAC group responded on one survey. Results were as follows:

- Majority of respondents were satisfied with science curriculum at Graham
- Overall, respondents would like to see (1) more rigor and (2) reduction of behavioral problems
- 55% would attend a family Science Night
- 55% would favor child participating in Science Fair
- 41% would volunteer to help with a Science Night

Future Agenda Items: Electing next Site Council members

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mirza at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Chang