

BONITA CANYON SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2009 MEETING

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 9:40 am by Susan Dahlin after having visited the classrooms of Mr. Dodge (6th grade lesson on preparing a compare/contrast essay); (2) Mrs. Hinkle (1st grade class preparing book reports as a new step prior to taking the AR quiz on the book); (3) Mrs. Sarracino (2nd grade lesson on drafting a paragraph using the green light, yellow light, red light method); and (4) Mr. Ngo (6th grade peer scoring response to literature book report mini-projects on character and setting).
 - B. Members present: Dr. Robin Beacham, Susan Dahlin, Marlene Dane, Corrine Freeman, Jennifer Gibello, Patty Gray, Kristie Hickok, Tina Hudson, Tim Jamison, Irini Kotsiopoulos, and Cristy Taylor.
Member missing: Dave Mattair.
 - C. An agenda was distributed.
- II. Approval of the Minutes from November 18, 2008 Meeting
 - A. An electronic copy of the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting had been distributed previously. Hard copies of the same were available for review. Several typographical errors were noted: Ms. Kotsiopoulos' name was incorrectly spelled throughout; on page 2 "uniform assessments" should be changed to "common assessments" and PLC stands for "Professional Learning Community"; on page 3 the word "available" was misspelled; and on page 4 "was" should be changed to "were". Mrs. Gray moved to approve minutes as revised, Mrs. Taylor seconded, and none opposed. The minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were approved.
- III. School and Library Improvement Program (S/LIP) Update and Adoption: Dr. Beacham distributed an updated budget proposal and explained the information and that there are a few corrections.
 - i. SLIP Budget changes: there was a payroll error regarding payment for a substitute teacher which should have been paid for from the general fund not the SLIP account, the error will be corrected; there was another payroll error regarding the failure to pay an assistant for 2 months, this error will be corrected;

and the District advises that it will cover the costs of PLC, so there will be no charge to SLIP funds for this item.

- ii. Ms. Dane moved to approve the budget as presented, Mrs. Gibello seconded, and none opposed. The SLIP budget was approved.

IV. Old Business

A. None

V. New Business

A. SPSA (“Single Plan for Student Achievement”) Review and Adoption – Ms. Dane previously distributed an electronic copy of the report. Physical copies were distributed.

- i. Ms. Dane reviewed the SPSA page by page, and discussed and answered questions about the same. The SPSA provides a detailed review of the actions to be taken to improve the academic performance of the students at BC including summaries of assessments, identification of areas of relative strength and areas to improve, SMART goals per grade level, means for evaluating the progress toward attaining the goals, identifying what will be considered successful outcome, and activities designed to achieve the goal. The SPSA also sets forth actions to be taken to achieve the goal and where the source of any funds needed (e.g., from SLIP or EIA (Economic Impact Aid) funds).
- ii. Ms. Dane advised that although science and social science sections were not required this year, she added them to the report because they will be required next year. At this time the goals are general even though no grade level team identified them as areas of concern. We have not yet had staff analyze the needs and actions regarding these subjects, but we will do that beginning next year.
- iii. Ms. Dane then reviewed the Comprehensive Staff Development Plan (CSDP) for 2008-2009, which lists opportunities for staff to work toward the goals and efforts, and/or to other professional development growth. This year the CSDP focuses on increasing student proficiency in, e.g., math and using technology.

- iv. Categorical expenditures are set forth in the Plan document as well. As is indicated in the Plan, the categorical funds are expected from three sources; namely, EIA (about \$14K), S/LIP Block Grant (about \$43K), and Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) funds (\$663 total).
 - 1. Dr. Beacham and Ms. Dane explained that the EIA funds are used for morning intervention programs (reading and math) and for aide time.
- v. Mrs. Gibello moved to approve and adopt the SPSA, Mr. Jamison seconded, and none opposed. The motion to approve SPSA plan was approved and adopted.

B. Visitation Discussion

- i. The various classroom visitations set forth above were discussed,

C. Math book discussion – Mrs. Freeman brought some parental concerns about the new math curriculum to the attention of the SSC. Parents have approached Mrs. Freeman with concerns that there is no text book for parents to refer to when they want to reinforce and reiterate what their child or children have learned in math that day. Mrs. Freeman further explained that this issue is compounded when the child misses school. Discussion ensued. Dr. Beacham recommended that parents should be advised to approach their child’s teacher with any concerns. Staff explained that concepts are reviewed continuously, so all students are exposed to topics multiple times, such that missing day or two shouldn’t affect comprehension.

VI. Reports

A. Principal – Dr. Beacham advised:

- i. The district will cover the cost of the PLC Training.
- ii. Although the SPSA shows that about 60% of the 69 5th graders tested last year met all of the “healthy fitness zones,” a more detailed report shows that 100% of the students met 4 of the 6 zones and 95.7% met 5 of the 6

zones, so it is believed that the students are physically fit

- iii. There is an important PTA meeting Thursday at which some IUSD board members will be available to discuss state budget concerns.
- iv. We should encourage parents to go to the IUSD Budget Notebook to remain informed on state budget issues particularly as they impact the schools, and that the Budget Notebook site may be accessed via the IUSD website.

B. PTA

- i. No report

C. Intervention – Dr. Beacham reported:

- i. Everything is going well with English learners, reading intervention, and math intervention.

D. Legislative/Budget – Mrs. Dahlin reported:

- i. There is a delegation going up to Sacramento in March. That the delegation is planning to accomplish some lobbying before then, but that there is currently no friend to education in Sacramento now, but that they are hoping to find one.

VII. Next meeting: The next SSC Meeting will be February 24, at 8:30am. We will learn about the Emergency Preparedness preparations at BC.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned by Susan Dahlin at 11:15 am.

Minutes prepared by Corrine Freeman, January 27 and 28, 2009.