

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
Board of Education
“Building a Bright Future for All Learners”

Special Board Meeting & Study Session
Board of Education
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Wednesday, January 24, 2017
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Office
1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

Board Members Present

Kevin Papineau
John Gordon
Grace Malson
Matthew Felix- absent
Wesley Cagle

Administrators Present

Karen Schauer	Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Tom Barentson	Donna Mayo- Whitlock
Jennifer Porter	Jamie Hughes
Ron Rammer	Emily Peckham
David Nelson	Lois Yount

MINUTES

- A. Open Session:** Open session was called to order at 5:53 p.m. by Kevin Papineau followed by the flag salute.
- B. Study Session**
1. Karen Schauer reviewed the goals of the study session:
 1. Update the Board on the evolving California accountability system and
 2. Provide progress updates and clarify key improvement efforts.

Donna Whitlock reported the state has a new Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) template. Our district goals remain the same. Ms. Whitlock worked to align the different academic indicators of success that the school district is working with including LCAP, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), and California English Language Development Test (CELDT) for English Language Development (ELD). The school district also uses local assessments to determine indicators of success. She indicated that districts will have 2 years (Spring 2015 & Spring 2016) of Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) data in March and will be receiving Dashboards conveying performance status and change.

Karen Schauer stated if we are responsive to learner needs we need to make adjustments as needed versus once a year. She indicated that we have the capacity to measure growth and achievement with Measures of Academic Progress..

John Gordon stated that he feels we need to do more work to help parents understand the different measures of success being reported.

Donna Whitlock responded that each year we are going to see another metric rolled out by the state.

Kevin Papineau stated that last year we were in a position where we were doing great things with personalized learning growth but state testing indicated that we were most districts.

John Gordon stated we need to get to a point where parents understand. We have to try to articulate this better.

Ron Rammer stated that during a recent School Site Council (SSC) meeting this question came up. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) measures individual growth. The kids were asking "does a score of 3 on MAP equal a good score on CAASSP?". Schools are celebrating individual growth.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano shared staff feedback related to:

1. Academic Rigor
2. English Language Development (ELD)
3. Mathematics Pacing
4. English Language Art (ELA) & ELD Pilot
5. Learning Growth Cycle (Reflective Rubric)
6. Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS): One System

Jamie Hughes addressed Multi-Tiered System of Supports. She indicated we need to look at behavior and social emotional growth in addition to academics. She indicated that a district leadership team is working on a framework and district model. They are discussing core supports for every child in the area of academics and targeted support with the ultimate goal of a draft district guideline for site use.

Karen Schauer stated that the six focus areas Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano described above are the areas we are really working to strengthen. We continue to look at data trends for continuous improvement.

Kevin Papineau asked for clarification regarding English Language Development (ELD) and English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum pilots and recommendations.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano stated that ELD and ELA recommendations are anticipated in March.

John Gordon asked if the district is having any conversations regarding restorative justice.

The district will be holding a one day free training for administrators in February. Donna Whitlock stated that there is grant funding for school districts to implement restorative practices.

John Gordon asked what the district is doing regarding parent training.

Karen Schauer responded we are constantly evolving towards becoming a learner focus district with parent engagement opportunities. She indicated some schools are going deeper with parenting strengths class.

Emily Peckham stated that Jennifer Collier is leading the way to provide parents an opportunity to find out their own top 5 strengths and using those strengths in family activities.

Donna Whitlock stated that the home visitor program provides material and instruction for parents to help them support their child's learning.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano stated that we do follow data trends with local indicators and monitor growth throughout the school year.

Karen Schauer stated the system is being realigned to support rigor. The assessments that we have measure individual growth and stretch goals.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano indicated that teachers are looking at results differently and making adjustments as needed. It is a collaborative environment.

Tom Barentson reported on the Governor's Budget. He indicated that the state budget is purposely flat. There is an increase in Average Daily Attendance (ADA), proposition 55 was configured into the budget and it was mentioned that proposition 51 will be funded. More information will be available at the May revise.

Tom Barentson addressed facilities considerations at Fairsite and McCaffrey Middle School. He indicated that the District has properties that we need to consider.

Karen Schauer stated that Fairsite School Readiness Center serves over 200 students. She attended a First 5 meeting with John Gordon and Donna Whitlock where they discussed the importance of early pre-k expansion investments. She indicated that the District has a good opportunity to expand pre-k at the Fairsite property.

Tom Barentson discussed properties owned by the district and the possible use of properties.

Karen Schauer shared that when the District was going through the master planning process additional uses for the Fairsite school property were not considered.

John Gordon stated that he has concerns with investing in Fairsite as it has so many infrastructure problems.

Grace Malson stated that the community feedback meetings that were held a year ago indicated to her that people wanted Fairsite to be used as a recreational facility.

John Gordon stated that we are only using 2 to 3 acres of 10 to 12 acres. It is possible that we could sell some of it to the city.

Tom Barentson stated that Marengo Ranch, Lake Canyon and the a new eastview school could provide access for a preschool.

Donna Whitlock stated that we have to consider funding sources for Fairsite.

Kevin Papineau stated that we have lots of options but we need to define them. Determining what is in our best interest and what restrictions/limitation we have.

C. Pending Agenda Items

1. School Furniture Analysis and Pilot Programs
2. Governance Team Continuous Improvement

D. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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