

Biggs USD District Advisory Committee

April 11, 2013

3:30-5:00 pm District Office Board Room

Present: Diane Brown, Jeanne Felkins, Leanne Glander, Maxine Hamblin, Cadie Honan, Doug Kaelin, Minden King, Sandy Lattermore, Pam Ragan, April Robinson, Amy Smith

Absent: Pam Sheppard, Angela Thompson, Cami Roles, Dave Withrow, Suzanne Francis, Char Locey

1) Superintendent Update: Enrollment is up at P-2, second interim attendance reporting.

2) Elementary Curriculum Update (M. King)

The elementary schools have begun the transition of common core standards since January. Teachers have begun attending training through Butte COE. To date teachers in grades 2, 6, 7, 8 have participated. A binder has been prepared for teachers at all grade levels as a reference guide. While the new standards are not much different from current standards, they will be assessed differently and at a more rigorous level with higher order thinking skills.

Richvale Elementary was selected to participate in the pilot of the new Smarter Balance Assessment. Fifth grade students participated. This provided a sneak peek into the format of the new assessments, which are taken on the computer and the district's technology needs for full implementation in 2014-15. Students will need to develop keyboarding and tech skills to maximize their performance on the assessment

The elementary schools are considering using the *Positive Behavioral Intervention Support* (PBIS) program. D. Kaelin and M. King attend recent training and will further evaluate participation

SES tutoring implementation began in January for eligible academically at-risk students. Twenty (20) students are participating and being served by outside service providers. The Title I Program provides the funding.

End of the year activities were shared. STAR testing is April 30-May 8

3) Secondary Curriculum Update (D. Kaelin)

The *Athletes Committed Program* has begun. The school received a \$15,000 grant to support implementation. Coaches have participated in training and parent information sessions held for the parents of student athletes. A parent and student contract must be signed before students may participate on athletic teams. The district sports handbook is being revised to include the expectations of the program. The program becomes effective for the 2013-14 school year.

The high school will begin a new common core pathway program in mathematics in 2013-14. This is an integrated approach to mathematics that will combine Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 concepts in three courses. Freshman will take the Integrated Course 1 in 2013-14 and the next course will be added in the two subsequent years.

The district will adopt a new health text for the high school level and is piloting a text this spring. The WASC accreditation 3-year visit will occur in February 2014.

4) District Parent Involvement Policy Review/Evaluation (Committee Members)

The district is required to review the District Parent Involvement Policy and Procedures annually. The policy is a requirement for Title I and EIA (Economic Impact Aid) and SCE (State Comp Education) funding. The DAC reviewed the current district policy and procedures and affirmed that it is compliant and meeting the needs of the district. The committee then evaluated the effectiveness of the parent involvement strategies by completing an Annual Evaluation Survey. The evaluation survey summary will be available at the District Office.

5) EIA Program (LEP and SCE) 2013-14 Advisement (D. Kaelin)

The current funding allocations and types of expenditures for EIA funding were explained. In the Governor's budget proposal, if approved, these funds will become unrestricted and will allow districts more local control over how funds are utilized. allocation model. If this happens the district will re-consider how funds are allocated and utilized. The committee advised that continued support for English Learners and academically at-risk students should be a priority.

6) Update on District/school Safety Plan Implementation and Drills (D. Kaelin, M. King)

The statuses of emergency drills at each site were reviewed. It was suggested that lock down drills should be completed annually in addition to monthly elementary evacuation and earthquake drills and semester drills at Biggs High School. Committee members suggested training in emergency drill procedures at the beginning of the year and providing more information to parents about the plan and drills. D. Kaelin shared the district safety plan is being updated and will be used for teacher and staff training in the beginning of the school year. It was suggested that First Aid and CPR training be provided for staff.

7) Budget Update (D. Kaelin)

The district waiting to hear if the proposed Governor's budget will be approved. If so it will have a significant impact on district funding. It is unclear how federal sequestration will affect the district if implemented.

Approximately \$40,000 has been allocated for summer maintenance projects that include several projects at Richvale and both Biggs sites. For details contact Nelda Andes.

8) Discussion items from committee:

Two members of the committee requested information on the status of MAA funding for the district. Currently a small number of teachers and staff are participating and the funding level has dropped. The Richvale represented asked about a new ELA adoption. The current adoption is very old. New state adopted materials are being developed and the core curriculum implementation will start without new, aligned materials.

9) Suggested DAC focus areas in 2013-14:

- Common Core Standards Transition
- Changes in Assessments.
- Safety Plan Implementation

10) District Advisory Committee 2013-14 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were established . All meeting are held in the District Office Board Room, 3:30-5:00 pm

Thursday, September 26, 2013

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Thursday, April 17, 2014