

Castlebay Charter School

School Governance

November 17, 2014

Meeting called to order at 3:08pm

Minutes from October 20, 2014 read and reviewed

Laurel made the motion to accept the minutes

Larry Second the motion with minutes accepted as written.

Note Daysi secretary not present at meeting, Denise will take notes for meeting.

Adriana not present for meeting either.

Mrs. Littlejohn provided the principal's report:

School report card discussed. It was noted that Castlebay's English learners have made good progress. The number of English learners is growing every year and we are doing well in this area. There is a great deal of emphasis being put on progress with English Learners.

On page 3 we noted that LAUSD is monitoring how many parents participated in the study and there is room for improvement in this area. Ideas discussed to improve parent, teacher, student survey involvement.

On page 5 school overall rating was fair because of the buildings deteriorating (old) and the asphalt. This cannot be controlled by the school so we wait on the district to provide the much needed services.

The attendance marker is good.

Single plan for student achievement the evaluation for English Learners the school gets \$939.00. Last year we put a program in place in the classrooms of English learners on the computer.

We discussed Starfall.com

The MPR is 60% finished. Completion should be before winter break or right when we return. LAUSD has to come in first inspect the building then it officially hands it over to the school for use.

Mid March will be the grand opening for the MPR.

We have drop down tables and 420 chairs in that building for use on rainy days.

PATH will sell tiles for placement on the back wall of the building this will be good because all the kids will be able to see them and it will help with improving the look of the yard.

There will be no fifth grade graduation in the MPR this year.

Curriculum Committee report – Intervention week of 11/3 began. 3rd grade will begin this week. Thus far students participating are as follows

Kinder – 13

1st – 10 (off one list only there may be more)

2nd – 15 students

3rd and 4th grade – begin this week

5th – 9 students

Grant committee report – Daysi signed Mrs. Littlejohn up to be interviewed on the phone and then to participate in an online program for grant writing

Safety Committee –

Ch. 7 Volume 1 is complete: Reviewed last year's goals and commented on them. Overall they were successful. We do score well in positive behavior. Focus on healthy eating and PE

Focus on attendance and behavior by continuing to work on decreasing absences and monitoring chronically absent students. The school does see a relationship with children that are frequently absent and behavior issues. We will continue to target this population.

Will provide data regarding the chronic behavior problem children note there are not a lot of kids in this category and try and place more focus on these children and try and gather information to improve their functioning.

As far as staff attendance, school considering an incentive program where there is a raffle at the end of the year for perfect attendance.

Technology Committee report is that Castlebay's situation is very bad in comparison to other schools. Mrs. Jones was asked to follow up and research specifics. School wants a laptop for every teacher for dibbles, grades, attendance. 27 out of 33 teachers state they would use a lap top. \$15,000 for all 34 computers but will need to get software bundle as well.

1 cart of 35 IPADS to be wheeled around to each class. Still some things are unclear about the IPADS There was extensive discussion about laptops for teachers between technology and budget committees.

Budget finds laptops cheaper at a range of \$1000-\$1500 each

At the \$1100 price point it seems we can also get the District bundle Ari Jones will provide all needed programs and will also provide the technical support.

It was decided that we are comfortable spending the money to purchase ½ the computers now and provide those laptops to the 2nd-5th grade teachers.

Ripsime makes the motion to purchase 18 laptop computers at a price of approximately \$1100 each. Mrs. Littlejohn seconds the motion. All in favor vote was unanimous.

It was also noted that ALL laptops will be the property of the school and remain in the school as they are assigned to classes for use by teacher.

Dec 15 Fundraising will be on the agenda.

Positive Behavior Committee – met November 5, 2014

Completed safe school Vol. 1.

Some goals next year: Have a representative from every grade level participate.

Discussion of getting Second Step Program kit in every classroom cost is \$379.00 each. This program teaches skills to manage feelings and making friends. There is a k-5 bundle for \$999.00

The committee can be in charge of making sure the teachers are using it. They will survey the teachers to see if they will use it. Dec 15 mtg. will present teacher survey results.

Positive behavior plan all members will be given a copy of the plan at the Dec. 15 meeting.

Discussion of the change in gate rules. The gates will be closed immediately after the bell. Parents are hanging out and hiding out in the morning and the campus cannot be secured. . This came out of the need to clear the campus earlier. Also no more coming in the last hour of school.. same reason

Allison – will be looking into lottery priority for siblings and into amending the lottery process to allow for this.

LAUSD/State/Federal news - Duncan asking that this be a SBAC no stakes year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm