

HCDB School Community Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2009

Location: HCDB Library

Members present: Judy Coryell, Sydney Dickerson, Ron Lake, Marissa Martian, Ed Chevy, Sandra Kostka, DeWayne Berg, Jennifer Tarnay and Kristin Akina

Members absent: none

Visitors present: Angela Nagata, Tom Graham, Cathie Collier, Michella Maiorana

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.
2. Minutes were approved.
3. Updates from specialist
 - a. Cathie Collier – Transition
 1. Work-study second semester to start soon. Students are learning a plethora of skills.
 2. DVR visiting on Tues. and Thurs. They are still providing support for our students for bus passes and Wal-Mart uniforms.
 3. DHHAB meeting in January
 4. January 27 field trip. Jr. and Sr. students will be going to HCIL: independent living skills. Then they will go to lunch at HCC for a preview of “college life”
 5. Transition Committee meeting: a panel discussion is planned for May to address transition needs of 5th and 8th graders.
 - b. Angela Nagata – Curriculum
 1. Attended curriculum coordinator conference: “Rigor and Relevance”
 2. Received world maps and had the installed in the classrooms
 3. Continuing to catalog CC videos
 4. Continuing to organize books by classification in the library
 5. New curriculum books are in. Transition to new books is at the individual teacher’s discretion
 6. Plans to increase Hawaiiana literature collection in the library
 - c. Michella Maiorana – Accelerated Reader/Portfolios
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- a. December star reading tests showed a small improvement
 - b. School has read over 2,000 books to date
 - c. Revamping reading groups
 - d. Decreasing external motivators
 - e. Continuing to encourage independent reading
 - f. HSA testing planned for March
- 2. Portfolios
 - a. Have added 2 new GLOs this quarter
 - b. Asked each department to pick a service project that correlates with GLO; project will be done using technology to be included in student's portfolio
- d. Tom Graham – Technology
 - 1. See handout
 - 2. Will observe how technology is being used in classes this semester
- e. Ron Lake – Literacy
 - 1. See handout
- 4. Updates from Sydney
 - a. See handout
 - b. Discussed the impact of state wide staff displacements on HCDB
 - c. Discussed the librarian position availability; will change the position to 10 months.
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Reviewed the AFP
- 6. New Business
 - a. Decision made that no presentation necessary for the February 14, 2009 ASAD Town Hall meeting
 - b. Suggestions made for vacant parent position
- 7. Questions
 - a. Can teachers “observe” other programs via videophone?
 - b. Should we consider sending a letter home to parent request support (i.e. supplies such as paper, pencils, etc)
- 8. Announcements
 - a. World Deaf Surf Competition and the Hawaii Sign Language Festival will be held on July 9-12, 2009
 - b. Academic Bowl will be February 11-16, 2009 in Fremont, CA.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM