

Golden Empire  
ELAC Meeting  
17 December 2012

**In attendance:** Irene Eister, principal; Rocio Mercado, Maria Salinas, parents; Kim Engstrom, Amy Smith, and Janine Johnson, Staff representatives;

**The minutes** from the last meeting were reviewed and approved. André Lammé made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Holly Conway seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**New Business:** Dr. Eister introduced Noue Yang Leung to the committee. She presented information about the **School, Family and Community Partnership Leadership Academy**. Last year we hosted the Parents As Partners workshops (those will continue this year with evening classes, hopefully). Those classes lead to the classes that Noue introduced. The leadership Academy Program is free, includes dinner/breakfast and childcare. The classes are designed to help parents navigate the school system. Through training, it is hoped that better communication can be established. The classes start with a pre-meeting from 9 am – 12 pm on 12 January. There are 9 sessions, Monday evenings, 6-8:30 PM from January 14, 2013 through April 8, 2013. Applications will be given to recommended parents.

Dr. Eister "walked" us through the **School Data Review**. We are now in Program Improvement and Dr. Eister explained the ins and outs, whys and wherefores of this classification. The school wide STAR scores were explained.

More of the School Safety Plan was explained in light of the tragedy in Newtown, CT. We talked about the Rapid Responder program and how it will benefit our school. Our school is not 100% safe, but we are improving all the time. The front gate and parking lot gate are problem areas. Visitor passes are necessary. All classroom doors must be locked starting Tuesday 18 December. We are working with the police department to become a safer school.

Dr. Eister shared the GATE Cluster Model via a powerpoint presentation with the group. The Cluster Model is being implemented in the intermediate grades this year and primary grades for the next year. Ms. Engstrom, Miss Sunahara, and Mr. Snider are teaching the GATE classes. The teachers use a different ELA program than Open Court that is more rigorous. Parents are very receptive to the GATE program.

We read through the **Bee article – Schools improve, yet fall behind rising federal standards**. Interesting and incredibly unattainable expectations were discussed in the article and brought into clearer focus why we are now in Program Improvement. Our only question was how long before EVERY school will be in PI?

**DELAC** - No report

**CELDT** test scores have arrived and will be in the teacher's boxes ASAP. We have reclassified 18 students in grades 2-3.

**PTO** – Marilyn Perry reported that the gift shop was a great success. No numbers were available. McTeacher night will be Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of January from 5-8 PM. The Pancake Breakfast will be in February.

**No Public Comment**  
**No Announcements**

**Our next meeting** will be Monday, 28 January 2013. We will be meeting at 2:30 PM in the library.

Rocio Mercado made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Amy Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. This meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

*Marilyn S. Perry*

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Perry  
Golden Empire SSC Secretary