

Golden Empire
ELAC Meeting
22 April 2013

This meeting was called to order at 2:36 PM by Hoda Aflaki.

In attendance: Irene Eister, principal; Hoda Aflaki, Maria Salinas, Fernanda Lucio, parents; Kim Engstrom, Amy Smith, and Janine Johnson, Staff representatives.

The **Agenda** was reviewed; no changes or additions were made.

Minutes from the 28 January meeting were reviewed. Janine Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

New Business: Dr. Eister presented an overview of the California Common Core Standards. The videos were informative. Dr. Eister gave the board members a handout – California Common Core Standards: FAQ. Linda Hogg-Wood walked us through the Common Core State Standards Shifts in ELA/Literacy. Golden Empire has been a pilot school for the CC (3 years), so many of our teachers are very familiar with the process. The changes will mean fewer components in the Language Arts but each component will be intensely focused. There will be more in-depth writing. Mark Bergeron and Kim Engstrom took us through the Math Shift which will be very similar, gradually building and reinforcing concepts to strengthen the Math concepts. The CC will be implemented in all our schools in the 2014/2015 school year. Parent, Fernanda Lucio voiced a concern about the subjectivity from open-ended questions, as well as the varied typing skills of our students and what the consequences will be when all will be taking the CC Test on the computer. Many of the questions will be essay questions which could put students with less skill at a disadvantage. Brandon Barnum brought up the question of how the Golden Empire parents would be informed of the huge changes and how they will affect their students. The questions and concerns were discussed.

2013-2014 SDIP Needs Assessment – Dr. Eister asked for recommendations, additions, or deletions to the current 2012-2013 SDIP. There were few changes mentioned. A concern that was brought up was the question of preschool registration and eligibility for school-based programs; how are certain programs assigned to sites? Brandon Barnum will take this issue to the next DAC meeting.

STAR test overview – The STAR test will start on the 30th of April. The 29th will be our STAR Rally and Medal Day. Dr. Eister will send out a Connect-Ed concerning this.

Reviews of CELDT results – Our results were higher than past years. There were many Intermediate and Early Advanced! 😊 The trouble area is still writing.

Reclassification update – 31 students were reclassified! This is the most ever! 😊 These students will be given a certificate and award at the end of the year Awards Ceremony.

Parent Involvement – Family Picnic/Game Night will be on Wednesday the 24th of April at 6:30 PM. Encourage all our families to come out and enjoy a relaxing evening with their students.

The **DELAC** report was not available.

PTO – Marilyn Perry reported that the Spring Carnival, held on Saturday April 20th, was a great success. This is an election year for PTO. Please talk it up to our parents. The No-Citation BBQ will be coming up on the 10th of June.

No Public Comment

No Announcements

This meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Marilyn S. Perry

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Perry
Golden Empire SSC Secretary