



Ardenwood Elementary School Site Council & English Language Advisory Committee



Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023

10 Members Present:

- ✓ Glynis Mason, Principal
- ✓ Carla Leon, Staff
- ✓ Belinda Cruz, Teacher
- ✓ Andrea Sanchez, Teacher
- ✓ Juliana Brightwell, Teacher
- ✓ Catherine Bloom-Gregory, Teacher
- ✓ Lavanya Anantharaman, Parent
- ✓ Tarak Patolia, Parent
- ✓ Gabriele Strasser, Parent
- ✓ Sharyn Shapiro, Parent

I. Virtual Meeting Called to Order at 4:04 PM

II. Public Input - None

III. Review of Previous Ardenwood SSC/ELAC Minutes from November 29, 2022

IV. Review of School Dashboard Data

A. California School Dashboard 2022

1. There are 6 state measures of school success
 - a. Academic Performance
 - b. Chronic Absenteeism
 - c. College/Career Readiness – doesn't apply to Ardenwood
 - d. English Learner Progress
 - e. High School Graduation Rate – doesn't apply to Ardenwood
 - f. Suspension Rate
2. Schools receive a status level of one to five on each of the state measures. (Think of it like bars of cell phone reception.)

B. Ardenwood Academic Dashboard Data

1. For Ardenwood, we have data for 2022 with no previous comparison due to SBAC not given the prior year.
 - a. Academic Performance for enrollment of 741 students
 - ii. English Language Arts: Very High
 - iii. Mathematics: Very High
 - b. Chronic Absenteeism – Medium (<10% which is better than the state average of <30%)

- i. Definition: “a pupil who is absent on 10% or more of the school days in the school year, when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays.”
 - ii. Note that >6 absences even excused or >3 unexcused absences will result in a generated truancy letter from the district.
 - c. Suspension Rate – Medium
 - d. English Learner Progress – Medium (a little lower than the state average)
 - i. Ms. Strasser suggested that English learners can receive tutoring from American High School students through a program co-founded by Toni Schlobohm for 1.5 hr/wk. Ms. Strasser will share the information with Ms. Mason.
- 2 Ms. Mason is surprised that Ardenwood was not awarded CA Distinguished School this past year.
 - a. She will inquire if this is an application process.
 - b. Ardenwood did not collapse classes like other schools, so Ardenwood did not lay off teachers.

V. Updates

- A. El Pac Money – follow up from Ms. Torres, intervention teacher
 - 1. Ms. Tara Torres is in the 3rd cycle of 6 wk out of 5 cycles for the school year
 - 2. She has 22 students in 1st through 3rd grades for ELA & Math
 - 3. Twelve students have shown significant progress and have exited the program
 - 4. Uses i-Ready assessment
 - 5. Sees 8 groups of students per day
- B. Further El Pac Money – YFS Counselor Update
 - 1. Seeing 8 students and has availability for 10.
 - 2. Works on social skills and seeing improvement
 - 3. Back log of families contacted who have not responded
- C. Library update from Ms. Sayd
 - 1. Scholastic Book Fair raised \$14,000 with a total cash of \$3,000
 - 2. Still have \$2,000 Scholastic Dollars
 - 3. Used money for PermaBound books and filled in the gaps in some of the series in the library collection. Purchased social/emotional skills books.
 - 4. Next book fair scheduled for March 29, 2023, through Open House night
 - 5. Ms. Sayd has a full schedule in which all the students come in for a scheduled library time. She reads aloud to the students and then allows book check-out.
 - a. Mrs. Gregory – “She’s wonderful!”
 - b. Mrs. Brightwell – “Great program; great rapport!”
 - c. Mrs. Sanchez – “She’s great!”
- D. Student – centered initiatives!
 - 1. Monday morning announcements by Student Council members
 - 2. Students helping with Dragon Dollar Store
 - 3. Students to act as guides for new students
- E. Thornton will indeed become a middle school this fall.

VI. Question & Answer

- A. Will 5th grade have a promotion this year Ms. Mason feels the 5th graders deserve some send off and acknowledgment for their accomplishments.
 - 1. Teachers were concerned about the health and safety of so many parents and students gathered in the MPR for a large promotion.
 - 2. The promotion may need to be class by class and therefore more personal for students and teachers, like it was last year. Ms. Mason will follow-up with teachers of promoting classes.
- B. Grad shirts and yard signs, Ms. Mason will speak with PTA.

VII. New Business

- A. Brief mention of traffic safety around our school. Our crossing guard is back!
- B. Still awaiting the city's response for a further meeting regarding the removal of the raised crosswalks.
- C. School breakfast/lunch program: around summertime, the district sends out the free/reduced lunch applications. This determines how many funds will be allocated to Child Nutrition Services at the district.

VIII. Adjournment – adjourned at 4:45pm

Next meeting 2/21/23