

CAAC meeting 1-11/2012

In attendance: Joel, Sonia, Caitlin, Lauren, Gina, Marjorie, Susan, Kylee, Hope, Sheryl, Charlie

Meeting start: 4:16 PM

Adjourned: 5:47

I. Title I information

1. Distribution of letter designating CA as a high-performing Title I school in this year. A rare honor for a high school.
 1. Title I schools are defined by the percentage of the student body that qualifies for free or reduced price lunches.
 2. CA is a school-wide Title I school and has been from first designation. We generally have 30 to 50% of our families qualifying for fee waivers.
 3. Research generally shows achievement gaps between low income students and their peers. Title I aims to reduce this gap by improving student achievement.
2. CAAC should encourage more parent involvement to improve student success.
 1. We use the parent, student, school compact to support this idea. Revised last year for this fall.
 2. We also use a parent involvement policy to encourage more home support. Suggested that we should spend some time reviewing or revising this document.
 1. Parent involvement asks parents to review school improvement plan.
 2. Distributed Utah Consolidated Plan Budget for the current year as a basis for discussion of next year's plan. Sonia reviewed this document with us and explained the uses of the monies budgeted. All documents publicly available online.

II. School directory?

1. Could we give people a form to correct for information instead of having returning parents fill out new forms each year?
2. Do parents want a directory of names and phone numbers?
3. Who would be responsible for creating this document?
4. How would it be available?
5. What information would it include?
6. How much work would it be? (Might be a UEN question)

III. Parent involvement policy review

1. The school has never had a self-sustaining parent organization
2. When we call for help or supplies, the parents come through.
3. Do we need a formally organized group for parents?
4. Could the newsletter contain information for how parents can be involved? (For example, if you want to be involved, here's the contact information.) We need these requests to be specific.
5. Would like to see the alpha-split for the advisory council in the newsletter instead of just as a link.
6. We do still need to inventory parent abilities and availability.

7. Sheryl will revise/reword section IV and bring it back for council approval.

IV. Other Business

1. *What I Thought I Saw* book, challenges the instinctive reactions we have to the people we see and gets us to reflect more fully on our biases. Authors and photographers do presentations in schools and involving the English departments.
 1. This sounds really cool
 2. Caitlin and Charlie will introduce this to the staff on Tuesday's workday and we will figure out as a staff how to present the material to students.
 3. We will conclude a few weeks of discussion with a meeting with the authors and photographers.