

Garehime SOT Meeting Minutes 01/26/2021

Meeting began at 4:17pm

In attendance: Ryan Lewis, Amy Jordan, Lisa Dixon, Michelle Zamora, Sabrina Mowrey, Dana Mays, Jennifer Vansickle, and Mara Barragan

December meeting minutes were approved with unanimous vote.

General discussion of the current situation of distance learning in place with the recent CCSD Board vote to switch to a voluntary hybrid for Pre-K-3rd grade. Currently no time frame on when that may happen and many questions still unanswered at this time as to how that may be implemented. Surveys were sent to not only parents to see who would want their child considered for the hybrid cohort, but also to teachers to see who is willing to return. This is also in question due to the situation with many teachers who had vaccine appointments then being told their appointment was cancelled due to a shortage of vaccines. It is uncertain at this time when those teachers will actually be able to be rescheduled and receive it.

General discussion of fund raising. Currently in the process of trying to get set up with Smiths for a program that would award a percentage of purchases to Garehime when shoppers specify them as their charitable cause linked to their rewards program. Also, currently trying to get a code with Amazon Smile that would donate directly to Garehime instead of CCSD in general when customers shop and specify them as their charitable cause of choice. Any and all other fundraising ideas will be happily received and considered by the SOT.

Ryan spoke regarding the budget. Budget workbook access has been delayed, therefore the SOT is not at this time able to begin strategizing budgetary expenditures.

Federal relief money is what is saving programs such as Read By Three and SB178. State funding cut multiple programs which were saved by the stimulus.

The state of Nevada is trying to recover from a \$1.3 billion deficit. Cuts to the education budget are expected, but the federal stimulus money will help to cushion that for this year. However, because the stimulus is what is keeping the schools afloat, when it stops, things will be even tighter. The 2022-2023 school year will be "slim pickings" and drastic cuts including staff cuts are likely to need to be made. Smart choices this year for use of funds will be necessary to mitigate the damage of the decreased funding to come.

Garehime has been designated as a Title 1 school for the upcoming school year.

There is a need at this time, especially as we look ahead to the planning for hybrid learning, for another intermediate person due to the large class sizes at higher grades.

Mara asked if there will be a yearbook and/or any celebration this year for the 5th graders.

Ryan answered that there will not be a yearbook this year due to the logistics and funds. 5th graders will be celebrated, but the school must tread carefully due to the covid related rules the district has laid out and the liability and risks that the school cannot take to accomplish the same sort of celebratory events as they have previously done.

Next meeting is set for February 16th, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.