

Kids First at Sunset View
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Kids First Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Sunset View Elementary School, 4365 Hill St., San Diego, CA 92107

Board Members:

Present: Valerie Zucker, Katie Rooney, Sheila Thomas, Shelly Foley, Nancy Bergmann, Spencer Lugash, Sara Yamashiro, Dawn O'Donnell, Carrie Gray, Ashley McDonald, Leasa Fisher, Kathy Johnson, and Shauna Ferehnacher.

Absent: Kelli Maruccia, Kelly Makley, Anup Patel, Jessica Kimball.

Quorum present: 13, Need 12.

Others present: Joanne Bruskotter, and Andrew Haden

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by Katie Rooney at 6:32pm.
- This meeting was called to order to discuss and vote on if Kidsfirst will be funding an additional teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

Principal's Report – Jamey Jaramillo

(*see attached Principal's Report)

- Purple, pg. 1- actual live numbers as of yesterday.
- Yellow, pg. 2- enrollment grade level.
 - Group that looks at the trends and projecting the attached.
 - 15.5 staffing allocation is considered full time employee ratio.
 - 4th grade different - 17.3 full time employee - rounds up to 18 after 17.2.
 - 5 students can make all the difference.
 - If Kidsfirst does not fund- 4th grade will have about 30 students per class.

- Tricky with 4th grade because they cannot combo 4-5.
 - Ex) if we were to get 70 4th graders we would have to make an extra class because there is no option for combo or to bring 4th together with 3rd.
- Green, pg. 3- if kids first decides to fund teacher.
 - Would make decision to fund 3-4 combo based on numbers.
 - If gate seminars come in high that would put that back as seminary class. (wiggle room possibility)
 - Projected: Expecting us to lose 9 students
 - In past 7 is our average
 - Projected to be at 432 students.
 - Lose 87 4th graders
 - Bring in 90? TK/K
 - Talk of lots of people moving
 - When Jamey started we had 105 kinder students and now we are at 83.
 - Only expected to loose one kinder.
 - Will gain about 5 choice students.
 - Much easier to add a position than to remove a position.
 - The enrichment was a late add this year.

Discussion:

- Teacher Feedback-
 - Alyssa Goncalves 1st: Everyone wants to feel safe.
 - Shari Valenzuela 4th: If you wait than it would be better to commit later, if we need, than jump on it too early. Use money some where else. Thinks 2 teachers will be pick slipped regardless. Jamey is the one that can save that not Kidsfirst.
- Traditional San Diego unified wants to know but in all reality we can do it whenever.
 - Just the first year we don't need it at this time.
- Post and bid goes out around May 5th.
- When do you think is the final time the decision could be made?
 - Jamey- As school starts, 2 weeks after school starts.
 - 3rd friday of September.

- It is more accepted, in the past, to go larger to smaller than smaller to larger.
- Could still build into the budget but do not have to decide to 100% fund today.
 - Not writing the letter but not saying no 100%.
 - Is Jamey putting it in her budget or no?
 - Our budget is a separate conversation for reserve for next year.
 - How do the choice number compare?
 - 40 kinder
 - 5 1st - 4th
- Parent input: went down from a 10 to a 9 in school rating via some websites.

- Valerie makes the MOTION to approve the funding of the 2nd teacher in the estimated amount to be TBD \$110,00
- Carrie Gray seconds the MOTION.

- Principal Input:
 - Jamey- Sitting at 17.3 is not as comfortable as 17.8
 - Priority- maintain the enrichment program.
 - If we approve today cannot change our mind, however, we can change our mind to fund at a later date.
 - Feel we are comfortable budgeting 250,000 next year we will just redirect in a way that is approved by everyone.
 - Perhaps present another survey to gather input of parent and staff base and discuss at a later date.
 - Valerie Zucker- There seems to be no rush for the first time in 5 years.
 - Jamey- has been tough for 4th grade to increase their class size this year. Higher number of children with IEP's in that group as well so it has been harder.
 - Jamey thinks we should wait and revisit later.
 - Spencer: should we just have 2 votes to approve and to secondly approve if we fall in a risky zone below 17.2?
 - Earmark that money in case we need a teacher?
 - Jamey would go to a 1-2 combo classroom.

- If we lose a teacher do we have projections?
 - Jamey will not make projections until fall and she sees numbers.
 - Jamey will build for projections for May.

**VOTE TO NOT FUND TEACHER AND TO NOT WRITE THE
LETTER OF INTENT:**

VOTE: 13 YES, 1 NO

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.
Minutes submitted by Ashley McDonald, Secretary.