

SOT Minutes 2/22/21 held from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present:

Rosalia Bautista – Parent
Cynthia Daniels – Teacher
Gail Garrett – Support Staff
Betsy Gillis – Teacher
Antoinette Graham – Parent

Roxanne James, Principal
Brentley Garbutt
Candace Aplin
Jessica Houchins
Linda Jones
Sharon Armstrong

Discussion of Staff Changes:

- Keeping 2 elective teachers removing one asset member
- Will get another adult into social-emotional support role. Moved one counselor into that program
- Moving (1) 8th grade teacher to counselor role
- Will still lose a 6th grade team member
- Moved Sharon into Librarian strategist position – will work with students as librarian and strategist.
- We now have best possible team moving forward – may be able to add positions back in the fall.

School Performance Plan:

- Turned all three bullets from last meeting into new SPP goals:
 - 90% or more students passing
 - Will continue the lifeline social-emotional support through next year
 - Will follow up with cohort of African American students recommended to accelerated classes

Question by Betsy: Can we have accelerated curriculum for all 6th grade students? Possibly at the end of 1st quarter, move underperforming students into traditional classes.

Response from Brentley: Not sure if all 6th grade teachers are ready to teach accelerated – we do have the capacity to expand accelerated classes.

Response from Roxanne: Coming off Covid, the focus will have to be transitioning students back to class. We can't currently expand Avid

Response from Sharon: We can do more within the general classes to help all students.

Final response: Maybe look down the road to expand the accelerated 6th grade program.

- SPP goals passed unanimously

Active Learning and Partnerships:

- Would like to proceed school-wide with students actively learning
- Nevada Succeeds would like to partner with us and fund our partnership with The Korda Institute
- Would also like to launch PD this year to have teachers ready for next year
- Suggest viewing *How to Do School Better* – Ted Talk
- Roxanne will get more data for us for next meeting
- Betsy would like a model of what Korda will do
- Probability of funding is high. Wants to take a small group of our leader educators and work with them first

General Discussion:

- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 15th
- Items for Future Agenda
 - Further discussion about The Korda Institute
 - Discuss return to school