

AEC meeting- June 17, 2008

Members Present: Richard Da Sylveira, Dan Puglisi, Sheila Alvarez, Jim Dreyfuss, Amy Maylxz, Laurie Ferro, Gena Vincent, Hina Yousufzai, Janice Remus, Leslie Rigney

Members not present: Gail Butler, Lyle Weldon

The meeting began at 4:45 pm

There was a brief discussion regarding curriculum standards and frameworks. These can be accessed by logging on to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/>. One of the components to the discussion of culture of school related to the concept of accountability. This accountability relates to parents, teachers and administration equally across the board. Some of the ideas that came about from this discussion include:

- Creating a school culture with consistency in discipline and management in all classrooms
- Increase focus on teaching side to alleviate need to reach punitive side
- Include Mentor Program for struggling teachers or new teachers
- Include students in setting classroom rules
- Greater teacher accountability and articulation
- Sharing of best practices between teachers
- Higher level of collaboration
- Use process indicators and systems that are results based
- Look at other schools that raise money and inquire about what they spend it on
- The immediate needs related to our school are governance and culture, specifically discipline and academic achievement
- Developing a school culture that focuses on positivity.
- Implementation of activities with consistency, for example "Right On" Store is like a system without subjectivity.
- Focus on developing specific systems for all to use
- Recognize and look for achievement in all

Three groups will be created from all members of the AEC committee. These groups will help make content more workable and manageable. Each group will focus on the three areas to focus; governance, culture, and curriculum (giftedness and special education). All three groups will compile questions to ask on school visit and will research best practices in each area.

A roster was distributed to compile contact information and also for each member to list the role that they were interested in. (refer to prior meeting minutes for roles)

Action Items for Committee:

- Research schools online in summer to create a short list for LMU (School visits will be targeted for Sept/Oct.
- The AEC team will be reporting to transition team simultaneously
- research best practices and compile questions
- Gena will be contact person for LMU

- Gena will create groups and email to each member
- Three separate distribution lists will be created for each group

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 pm