

Board Brief Special Board of Trustees Meeting January 14, 2014

Elementary Enrollment

Our Board meeting focused on elementary enrollment. Staff provided an overview of: district boundaries, enrollment criteria, campus size, classroom space and facility use, district funding, and class size and staffing allocations. After much discussion and audience contribution, the Board determined the minimum and maximum class size in Kindergarten through 5th grades as well as the process to use if enrollment exceeds capacity.

As part of the presentation, our business manager, Jim Cerreta, reviewed the State's new funding model. The new model, Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), provides funding in grades K-3 not to exceed an average of 24 students in each classroom. Should the school average class size in grades K-3 exceed 24 students severe financial penalties will apply.

The Board voted to set minimum and maximum class sizes in elementary grades for the 2014-15 school year as follows:

- Minimum class size of 18 students per class in K-5th grades
- Maximum class size of 24 students per class in K-2nd grades
- Maximum class size of 25 students per class in 3rd grade, as long as the average at the site in K-3rd grades does not exceed the state maximum of 24 students
- Maximum class size of 30 students per class in 4th and 5th grades

The Board also approved the overflow process. If more students register than can be accommodated at a school of residence:

- We will utilize the date and time stamp a completed registration is received to determine which students are overflowed.
- We will make every attempt to make overflow decisions prior to the start of the school year so that students know if they will attend their school of residence or the overflow school.
- If we are unable to determine the overflow school prior to the first day of school, students will begin at their school of residence, and parents/guardians will be notified of the school their child will be attending no later than the 5th day after the start of school.

The Board and administration still very much recognize the necessity for low student to teacher ratio to maximize student learning and promote social-emotional health.

Future Special Board of Trustee Town Hall Meeting

A workshop with Kathy Glass, the Common Core English Language Arts development coach, who is currently working with Ross Valley teachers, has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Unfortunately, this conflicts with our previously scheduled Town Hall Meeting. As a result, the Town Hall Meeting has been cancelled so that teachers, staff, trustees and parents can attend the Kathy Glass event at the Marin County Office of Education. We hope to see you there!

Information presented and discussed at this Special Board Meeting is available for your review at:
<http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net/cgi-bin/WebObjects/rvsd-eAgenda.woa/wa/showMeeting>