Maple- Ethel Phillips

Transition Team Meeting

March 12, 2013

Attendees: Lorena Carrillo, Rita Cervantes, Sandra Enriquez, Binersa Perez, Daniel Hernandez, Sylvia Gonzales, Phyllis Wendt, Diane Fore, Jeffie Vogt, Maritza Blumberg, Sue Hulsey

Ms Carillo opened the meeting with introductions. This meeting consisted of staff from both sites. She spoke briefly of the purpose of the transition team. She introduced Sue Hulsey, the District’s Transition Team Lead Administrator. Ms. Hulsey provided the context for the site transition teams and relayed that the purpose was to come together to create a smooth transition for the students and families for the next school year.

Ms. Carrillo detailed some of the fears parents were feeling about attending the new school next year. There were questions regarding transportation from Maple to Ethel Phillips, particularly when students are sick and need transportation home. Issues still outstanding are: supervision prior to bus transportation to school, who will monitor and supervise students prior to transport and how might the ingress and egress at Ethel I. Phillips be improved for better delivery of students. It was mentioned that once students attend middle school they use light rail and other transportation systems to get to their middle school. RT used to have a route, but it was abandoned due to lack of ridership. Is it possible to have route reinstated as families must take a much longer route and transfer to get to Ethel I. Phillips.

There was a question regarding QEIA funding at Ethel Phillips and whether that funding and the class size requirement will be maintained. Mr. Hernandez responded that although the school did not meet the class cap requirements, QEIA money will be allotted for an additional year.

After school programs were discussed. Ethel Phillips has Girls on the Run, Sports Programs, and the Soroptimists have brought an early engineering program to the school targeting females but open to all. Reading Partners is planning to support the school site with 1:1 tutoring in reading. There will be a volunteer coordinator supervising the community members (volunteers) who participate. There is Homework Club, Movie Nights, Zumba, and Saturday School.

Maple currently enjoys a large grant from Vanir Construction, the construction management firm in Sacramento. They fund a variety of activities at the school including field trips, technology, sports equipment, yard duty support, and various charitable activities during the holidays. In addition, they provide support for uniforms at the school. Maple also has citizenship assemblies and a bicycle give away for students earning Gotcha tickets.
Maple is currently using Accelerated Reader and there is a reading competition in which students can participate. The school is also participating in going green. They participate as part of the Green Team.

Mr. Hernandez stated that Balanced Literacy was being implemented in the school. The staff uses DBLS to assess student reading levels. He also indicated that he would like to have the metal tree removed from his library/book resource room to provide more space for library materials.

Principals discussed the date for Open House. Ms. Carrillo will change hers to accommodate families wanting to attend the Ethel Phillips event. Ms. Carrillo asked if a bus could be secured for parents.

The meeting was concluded.

Next meeting date: April 10, 2013, 2:30 @ Maple Elementary School