

PERA Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2015
3:30p.m.-4:30p.m.

Present: Adam Larsen, Jennifer Youngren, Ranae Leamanczyk, Pam Steele, Ann Tilton, Andrew Nelson, Kim Radostits, Teri Schuster, Jeff Donmeyer

Begin: 3:35 p.m.

1. Reviewed 10/5 minutes. Approved
2. Reviewed merged OCUSD Positions and Assessments document
 - Adam will update suggested changes from the committee
 - Any other revisions we think of should be sent to Adam
 - Updated version will be put on PERA Website
3. Assessment tool selections from other schools?
 - Pam's input received from her contacts:
 - Programs are very expensive
 - Programs not meant for sole purpose of growth data
 - Not necessary for data
 - No one else received any input, as we are further ahead in the process than other schools.
4. Teri's concerns about assessment tool selection (funding and timing)
 - Not legally necessary with PERA
 - Remember that we are not an assessment committee
 - We are currently looking for something better than Edline that includes assessment data collection capabilities.
 - How is this different than data teams? It is not; however, current collection process is a lot of work
 - Both Jennifer Y. and Ranae L. stated that they want something to make standards based data collection easier and something that includes test bank questions attached to standards.
 - Are we over testing? Yes...we all agree, but we do not have to use the test bank questions for testing only. They can be used for any type of task in the classroom per Jeff D.
 - Concerns are about teachers having to learn a new system. Is more work in frontloading worth the ease later in entering data and getting good, standards-based targeted results?
 - Right now we have more questions than answers.
 - We will continue to schedule demos and see what they have to offer and if it is worth the cost and work to implement.
5. Continued review ISBE Guidance on District Decision Making document
 - Discussion about our combined Danielson/Student Growth evaluation tool
 - We decided that Adam should offer a drop down option for the growth percentages on this tool so teachers have the option to play with those percentages on this last pilot year. (this new tool will be called "Revision B)

- As we continued through questions 5-14, Adam made note and will place them in the document and send to the committee.

Dates to Remember:

- Monday 11/2- 3:30 pm – Demo with Mastery Connect in Board Room
- Wednesday 11/4-3:30pm—Demo with Canvas Demo in Board Room
- Monday 11/9- 3:30 p.m. PERA Meeting

End: 4:40 p.m.