

Smythe Academy of Arts and Sciences

LCAP feedback

2017/2018

Goal 1: Improve Academic Performance and Eliminate Achievement Gaps

- ▶ Suggestions:
 - ▶ Math Tutoring. Ensure tutorials are regularly scheduled. Use outside organization - not dependent upon teacher interest.
 - ▶ ELPAC, CAASP prep
- ▶ Questions:
- ▶ Explain the concepts of the classes of both math & ELA.
 - ▶ Math and ELA courses are organized by standards. Standards are descriptions of the type of information students are expected to learn during the course. Teachers break down the standards to organize them in a manner that allows the student to learn in order.

Goal 2: Provide Engagement & Enrichment opportunities in the arts, sciences, and technology to ensure students graduate college & career ready.

▶ Suggestions:

- ▶ Offer Boys and Girls club transportation.
- ▶ After school clubs.
- ▶ Offer music clubs after school.
- ▶ Field trips to attend downtown 'Nutcracker' live.

▶ Questions:

- ▶ Middle school activities with activities director (AD). Our AD is also an 8th grade teacher who has a first period class. To expect him to remain after school, would extend his day well past 8 hours. Instead, our AD plans and executes weekly lunchtime activities with our students.

Goal 3: Provide Support, Services, & Training for our Parents & Families

- ▶ Suggestions:

- ▶ Offer English classes for parents to help them prep their students for ELPAC, & CAASPP

- ▶ Questions:

- ▶ Is parent university a part of this? Yes, it could be, however, parent university is driven by the district office. We will certainly pass this suggestion along.
 - ▶ Do you have to attend all 3 days of CAFE? In order to receive all the benefits of the conference, yes. However, attending any number of days is helpful.

Goal 4: Ensure a school environment that is safe, clean, and conducive to learning and contributes to a positive, student-centered school culture.

- ▶ Suggestions: (The principal's reply to each suggestion is in red.)
 - ▶ PM/lunch supervision We have 5 noon duty supervisors and meet regularly to train and improve how we monitor students. We are always trying to improve and make sure kids are safe and looked after.
 - ▶ Not sit students 3 to a seat on busses.
 - ▶ Garden program/club. We currently have Exploratory classes that tend the garden. We are looking for ways to involve more people in the garden so we will look into how we can manage a program or club along with our other work.
 - ▶ SWUN online access for parents. This is already be available.
 - ▶ Alert system (text) for updating parents on incidents at school. Smythe Elementary currently uses the app for all communication. In the event of an incident we would use the app, paper letters and robo-calls. There are no plans to add a separate alert system.
 - ▶ K-6 salad bar This year we were going to add 2nd and 3rd grade to the classes that can choose from the salad bar but instead added a whole school, daily fruit and vegetable program for K-6. We will consider adding 2nd and 3rd grade next year.
 - ▶ Dad's club We have no plans to add a "dad's club" at this time. This possibility will be considered as part of our overall parent outreach efforts. Like all new programs we have to consider how it fits into our overall school plan and if we have the capacity to add and maintain something new.
 - ▶ Breakfast after the bell program. MS is meeting to implement this.
 - ▶ More earthquake, assault, and fire drills. We currently do all the drills required of CA schools. Having said that, we are always working to make sure we are prepared for any emergency situations that may arise.
- ▶ Questions:
 - ▶ Can parents be added to Catapult? No. Catapult is a system to be used by the school's safety team and staff.