

**Great Oaks Elementary**  
*A Community of Learners*  
Site-Based Advisory Team Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
Great Oaks Science Lab  
3:15 – 4:45

**The WOW!!! Place to Learn and Teach**

Members in Attendance: Jana Stowe, Scott Morgan, Kristyn Allison, JoEllen Belcher, Jenny Baker, Kathleen Blanton, Karina Bolger, Rick McElrath, Jerri Jernt

Guest: Melinda Schermerhorn Science Mentor Teacher

**Science:** Melinda Schermerhorn, Science Mentor Teacher and GOE 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, demonstrated new science resources available to the campus. The SBAT looked at examples of student work, toured the science lab, and reviewed on-line teaching and assessment tools. The lab is fully stocked with materials teachers need to provide hands on science investigations. The lab was recently reorganized with the help of GOE parent volunteers.

**Literacy Library:** Jana Stowe took the SBAT on a tour of the literacy library. New math and science literacy books were purchased with grant funds. The selections support the science units taught within all science strands. These non-fiction texts are available in a wide range of reading levels and all classroom teachers are encouraged to embed reading instruction within science, social studies, and math.

**Campus Improvement Plan Checkpoint:** The SBAT reviewed progress on the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). The campus has taken action on all areas of the CIP. Strategies have been implemented to help the campus achieve the goals set forth in the CIP. The CIP is posted on the school website and hard copies are available in the office upon request.

**Data Update:** Jana Stowe shared Gold Performance Acknowledgements with the SBAT. Great Oaks earned Gold Performance from TEA for the commended rates achieved in math, reading, writing, and science.

**General Campus Update and Discussion:** Student enrollment continues to average around 950. Based on enrollment history, we anticipate a small amount of growth through the next semester.

Many service learning, community service, and enrichment projects have been completed or are near completion. More projects have been planned for the next semester. Feedback from students and parents has been positive. All students are participating in enrichment for a minimum of one hour per week. After school enrichment has also started. Three new programs were added this year. For the 2009-2010 school year the following activities are available after school: choir, robotics (beginners and advanced), math pentathlon, Destination Imagination, spelling bee, geography bee, and chess.

A district bond update was reviewed. GOE is scheduled to receive upgraded emergency and library lighting – completion date August, 2010. The gym floor still needs to be replaced. Ms. Stowe has requested that the gym floor replacement be added to the district bond project list.

A parent survey was approved by the SBAT and distributed at the conclusion of the meeting. The campus leadership group as well as the SBAT will review the results and formulate any appropriate action steps that may be needed.

Adjournment and Next Meeting Reminder

Meetings:

September 30, 2009

November 18, 2009

February 17, 2010

May 12, 2010