

Foothill School Community Council Notes: January 30, 2013 Meeting

Notes from this meeting:

1. Our SCC focused completely on learning about the new UCAS accountability system and how we can use that to set our new goals for our School Improvement Plan for next year. Dave Dimond, from the District Research and Evaluation Department, presented this information. This new system has allowed us to look at student growth more closely. The data for Foothill points to areas in writing that we can look to improve. The teachers have done that through this year with the new core and now, with this UCAS data, we can really look at specific student growth. The goal is to grow these students with more focused instruction to shore up where they are weak.

2. We discussed our Professional Development plan for the balance of this school year and next:

-This year: February 4 We will be focusing on the essential standards in the new science core and how each grade level is meeting those expectations. This will help us to create a K-6 science continuum. The follow up piece will be in the March 4 Professional Day when we take those science essential standards and integrate reading and writing (Language Arts) into them.

- Next Year: Building funds into our Trust Lands to facilitate Summer Collaboration for grade level teams to implement the new Language Arts core.

3. Council decided to table further discussion on defining our SCC bylaws.