

SAC Meeting

04/12/2021

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Attendees:

Jessica Schneider
Jennifer Kanefsky
Pilar Villegas
Vincent Clempson
Amy Soffer
Elisabeth Solis
Ana Carrasco
Martha Chester
Eliot Tillinger
Rafael Buitrago
Guests: Susan Hines

Call to order – 2:40 pm

Mrs. Schneider commented that Mrs. Samuelson will be moving and won't be at our school any longer. She won't be here today and may not be able to attend the May meeting.

Previous draft minutes

Review of the previous draft from the meeting on March 8th.

- Mrs. Fernandes did a presentation regarding equity. The plan for equity and some of the items of the plan are there. We just had our 5th grade holocaust assembly, that is part of the district holocaust mandate. The other items on the equity plan are either already covered or are on-going program. The tree of kindness is displayed in our hallway, which is part of the equity plan.
- We went over to the mid-year reflection and customer service survey.
- Many teachers are getting a poly-com cameras. They like them and are learning how to use them effectively.

Last SAC meeting was very successful, and a good portion of the meeting was used by Mrs. Fernandes explanation of the equity plan.

Mrs. Schneider asked if there were corrections to the draft.

Since there are no changes or corrections, we will approve the minutes as a draft.

BCPS survey update – it's the same survey that has been done every year. Our student and teachers target are already there, working on Parent target number, sending out on email/text and is already posted to school website.

We just had our kindergarten round-up. A lot of participation – about 60 new families were part of the virtual call. Nothing else from administration in regard to the survey.

Safety and security - No new information or updates on safety and security.

Updates and concerns -

Mrs. Hines shared that from now till the end of May we are in an assessment period. Right now, we are in FSA writing. After that is FSA ELA for 3rd grade. End of April will start iReady testing, and the end of year testing for the primary grades.

Mr. Buitrago asked about the attendance in school. Mrs. Hines says we are up to 60%. We had a lot of parents that made the decision to send the kids for testing, so they started sending the students back to school in person to help them feel more comfortable during testing.

Mr. Buitrago asked about the target of the survey. Mrs. Schneider explained that regarding the survey, the target is 20% each year. We are about a quarter of the way there, but we just started. We believe we will get there.

Mr. Buitrago wanted to know which information did from Mrs. Fernandes gathered from her survey. Mrs. Schneider explained that it was about using SAC as a tool to gather information from the community. Mrs. Schneider will bring further information from Mrs. Fernandes regarding her survey.

(ask Mrs. Fernandes about the information she was able to gather from her survey)

We are having another virtual Book Fair on May 6th – Mrs. Schneider shared that students really love it. Scholastics provides the vehicle and the students go online and order. They created a 3D virtual reality shop which was very interesting for the students.

End of the agenda for SAC

Meeting is adjourned at 2:52 pm

SAF Meeting

Meeting open at 2:53 pm

Mrs. Carrasco – says she is having a meeting on Wednesday and Mr. Runcie will be there. She hopes to receive lot of information there.

Last meeting, they talked about testing. Calendars were approved for 22-23.

One of the topics that was stressed was about not assigning homework during breaks. Some parents at the area meeting complained about a lot of homework in general.

Mrs. Hines explained that, at our school, teachers are reminded not to assign any homework during breaks and we consistently follow this guideline. Mrs. Carrasco commented that it seemed like most of the HW talk was centered around Middle School level.

Parents survey – 20% for parents / 40% students and 60% personnel

Mrs. Carrasco said that for next meeting she will have more details for us. She said that parents complain was about kids having too much homework and during breaks. It is mostly for MS and HS.

S Hines explained that parents complained mostly about hw during breaks. They don't want students to get homework during breaks, so they get to spend time with their families

Mrs. Schneider asked if there are any updates or concerns for SAF.

Our next and last meeting or SAF will be May 10th. She thanks all the attendees for taking their time to be here even with their busy schedules.

Mr. Buitrago asked if the students will be back in august fully in person.

Mrs. Hines said that there is no official communication, but the expectation is to have everybody back in person the first day in August for next year. We are going to start with summer school in person.

Mr. Buitrago asked if teachers have to be vaccinated.

Mrs. Hines explained that it is not a requirement but most of our staff has been vaccinated

Meeting is adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Pilar Villegas - Secretary