

Hollywood Hills Elementary



School Advisory Council School Advisory Forum

Agenda

11/10/20

Anita O'Sullivan- Chair

Attendance: Rebekah DeMordo, Bryan Jones, Allison Stettner, Anita O'Sullivan, Wendy Falconni, , Laura Saef, John Fossas, Rachel Marmor, Louise McKelvey, Karen Dallas, Nina Martinez, Amber Pacheco

Call to Order: A meeting of the Hollywood Hills Elementary School Advisory Council was called to order at 2:19 pm.

Welcome to our November SAC/SAF Meeting!

Mrs. O'Sullivan

SAC Nominations and Positions

Mrs. O'Sullivan

Still in need of a business representative for SAC.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

Mrs. O'Sullivan

Rebekah De Mordo motion to approve meeting minutes for September 8, 2020. Seconded by Amber Pacheco. Next month we will approve October and November minutes.

Principal's update

Mr. Fossas

Since we have returned to campus about one month ago, unfortunately we have had some classes with a positive case of COVID-19. Parents and school body notified and effected classes quarantined. At recess, teachers are constantly reminding students of social distancing and proper mask wearing. In speaking with the health department and contact tracing, none of the students

that have been positive have contracted the virus on campus—rather it was contracted elsewhere. No teachers on our campus have tested positive. First round of quarantined classes returned today, three are slated to return on Thursday, a few teachers to return on Monday and some after Thanksgiving break. Acting on the advice of the health department, BCPS does not accept the results of a rapid test. We are only to accept the results of a PCR test, where the local parks and community centers are conducting testing. Teachers cannot get those either (rapid tests) in order to return back to work. We are doing everything we can to keep our students and faculty and staff safe.

Tomorrow, November 11, there is no school, in observance of Veteran's Day. Report cards come out on Thursday, November 12th. You can access your child's report card through Virtual Counselor.

Every year, second grade students take a test called the CogAt. This is used as a screener for children who may be showing gifted characteristics—this does not determine they are gifted, but if they score in a certain range, we then provide them with a battery of tests and monitor. Typically, it is administered in the spring. 2nd grade this past school year did not get the opportunity to take it, but they will be taking it this year in the fall. Therefore, current 3rd graders will be taking the CogAt in the fall. Official date is forthcoming. Current second graders will be taking the CogAt in the spring (2021), prior to the end of the school year.

Parent/Advisory Group Meetings: The executive order permitting remote meetings for these organizations has expired. As these meetings continue to be scheduled, a quorum of voting members must be physically present on campus (the remaining voting members and public attendees may attend the meeting (virtually) for official business to be conducted. If a quorum of voting members is not physically present on campus, the meeting can continue as an informational meeting only; official votes and business cannot be conducted. The meeting times must be outside of the regular school. Chairpersons of these groups/organizations are responsible for ensuring physical distancing, facial coverings and any other CDC guidelines are adhered to while on campus. School facilities personnel must properly clean the meeting area prior to the meeting and after the meeting adjourns. This direction is applicable to school-based parent/advisory groups and district-based parent/advisory groups that utilize schools to host meetings.

Quorum is 50% + 1, so it needs to be at least 7 members in physical attendance of the meeting.

Question from Mr. Jones regarding above information/quorum: Parents are still not allowed on campus, so how would this work?

A: Regarding after school meetings being held on campus, we are awaiting clear direction. Even mandated meetings such as RTI and IEP are not able to be held. Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Fossas have a scheduled meeting to attend on Monday regarding the above executive order.

School updates

Literacy: Mrs. Dallas

Mrs. Kraus participated in Read for the Record on October 29th, read to each kindergarten and provided a copy of the book to the teachers. Teachers are finishing up the Benchmark Assessment system, our reading assessment from K to 5th grade. That is due on November 13th.

School Updates

Specials and Science : Dr. Saef

We had a schoolwide free interactive presentation sponsored by FPL regarding energy: this was received well. Things are going well. Specials have nothing extra to report at this time. They are still taking place remotely, with the specials teachers rotating the school for our hybrid and conducted classes on Teams.

Title I and BTU

Mrs. Pacheco

Currently, working with Mrs. Kraus and Mr. Fossas to plan a virtual event, similar to a reading or math night. Make it as engaging and fun as they possibly can be. More information regarding this is forthcoming.

PTA Updates

Mr. Jones

We were collecting candy for our modified trunk or treat/scavenger hunt on October 23rd. It was a success. Kona Ice donated some of their slushies/icees. Over 300 children in attendance, seemed well received by families for some semblance of normalcy. Adhered to social distancing. Thank you everyone. No current fundraisers planned. May be discussions, regarding modified holiday shoppe, but nothing solidified. Next meeting will be first Wednesday of December for our general PTA meeting (December 2nd).

South Area Advisory Council meeting. Majority of discussion regarding the topic in red (above in minutes, regarding Governor's Executive Order). Item was tabled, as we are in need of further clarification regarding SAC and SAF.

Next PTA meeting: 12/02/20

Future meeting date- 12/ 08/2020

Mrs. O'Sullivan

SAC/SAF meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.

HHE Mission Statement:

We, the Hollywood Hills Elementary School Family, are committed to providing students with a quality education that enables them to reach their maximum potential in a safe and nurturing environment.