

SAC Minutes

August 16, 2017

Beachland Elementary School

Members Present: Vicki DeGroat, Tracey Segal, Cliff Melvin, Lorri Dior, Colleen Lord, Danielle McCabe

Staff Present: Susan DeTufo, Regina Davis, Adrienne Polverari

Guests: Laney DeGroat

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Vicki DeGroat. Minutes from the July 26th meeting were reviewed. Cliff Melvin motioned to approve them with a 2nd by Lorri Dior. All were in favor.

Dr. Lord led a discussion on membership terms. We were reminded that terms are for 2 years. A review of current membership shows that Vicki DeGroat, Lorri Dior and Tracey Segal (parents) are entering into the 1st year of their 2nd term and thus will need to be voted in at the August 30th SAC meeting. Gilda Brown and Danielle McCabe (SDIRC employees) are in their 2nd year of membership and do not require a vote for this school year. Cliff Melvin is also in his 2nd year of membership as a community member. The parent vote for both new and renewing members will take place on August 30th. Dr. Lord said she would reach out to teachers to solidify who is interested in serving on SAC. Michele Downey will send an e-blast to parents to see if there is further interest by anyone. The group felt that having at least 3 more parent members would be beneficial and that we should strive to have a diverse group.

Dr. Lord updated that we had 412 students on the 1st day of school. Some kindergartners were still working on turning in immunization records and physicals and would be starting soon. The main focus for the past 3 days with teachers has been helping students understand daily processes (where things are, classroom procedures, etc...). The new building technology is still in progress and the kinks are getting worked out. From the teacher perspective, the first 3 days have been great and been very calm. Pre-planning before school started featured one day on class team building as well as how to use the touch projectors. A tech integrator will be onsite each Friday to do PD with the staff. The 3-5 year plan for the school includes a focus on building the school community. The staff is using Kagan practices on how to strengthen classroom community and strategies will be shared regularly during grade level meetings.

The school open house is scheduled for August 31st. A date is being determined for the building dedication. The dedication will be school driven and include a performance by Shark Singers. Ideally it will take place during a school day in October.

Dr. Lord wanted to give a special thank you to the community volunteers who helped make sure that the building and classrooms were ready for the first day of school. The support was overwhelming and very much appreciated.

United Way Day of Caring will take place at Beachland on October 14th. Teachers are coming up with projects and we will solicit volunteers from our school community.

Vicki DeGroat gave a brief PTA update. The first general meeting will take place during the Beachland Brunch on August 25th at 9:10am. New and returning parents are welcome. She also noted that the PTA approved to bring back the ProKids program for Character Development. This is a one day assembly for the students as well as an evening program for the students and parents.

Dr. Lord presented the draft of the school goals. The number of goals shifted from 4 down to 3 only due to 2 goals being combined into one. Current indicators just include ELA but math and science will be added for this year. It was noted that Beachland was an "A" school by just 2 points. We will need to continue to work hard to maintain our grade. It was also noted that the outcome of goal #3 may be used as a baseline for next year as the number of current office referrals might not be the most accurate. Many behavior issues are handled in the classroom.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 30th. Staff will receive a ballot to vote on new staff members and a list of interested parents will be brought to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm following a motion from Tracey Segal and a 2nd from Danielle McCabe.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Tracey Segal.