

SAC Minutes

August 30, 2017

Beachland Elementary School

Members Present: Vicki DeGroat, Tracey Segal, Cliff Melvin, Lorri Dior, Colleen Lord, Danielle McCabe, Julie Baker, Rhonda James, Ben Folger, Reetu Haave, Margaret Ingram, Gilda Brown

Excused: Amanda Kross

Staff Present: Susan DeITufo, Regina Davis,

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Vicki DeGroat. Minutes from the August 16th meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted regarding the time the meeting was called to order. It was 4:02pm not 2:02pm. Cliff Melvin motioned to approve the minutes with the correction with a 2nd by Danielle McCabe. All were in favor.

Vicki welcomed all the new faces. Several new parents have requested to become members. The slate of parent members up for vote is as follows: Vicki DeGroat, Tracey Segal, Lorri Dior, Rhonda James, Reetu Haave, Ben Folger, Riley Bowers, and Amanda Kross. Vicki DeGroat motioned to approve the parent membership with a 2nd by Tracey Segal. All parents present were in favor. SDIRC staff abstained.

Vicki called to vote the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 school year which includes Vicki DeGroat as Chairperson, Tracey Segal as Vice Chair and Reetu Haave as Secretary. Lorri Dior motioned to approve the officers with a 2nd by Cliff Melvin. All were in favor.

A note was made that current community members include Cliff Melvin and Margaret Ingram. Everyone was reminded that Community Members do not require a vote for membership purposes. Teacher/staff membership will be finalized this week now that they know how many members from this area we can have.

Dr. Lord gave a detailed overview on what SAC is and the role it plays compared to the PTA, SDIRC, etc... This was especially helpful to the new members who were just voted in.

Dr. Lord reported that the 10 day count was just completed and current enrollment is 464 students. Class sizes are being reviewed for the potential of needing additional teachers. We are currently at 30 students higher than projected. An example was given that 5th grade is currently over by 3 students plus there is a waiting list of students for School Choice. The District is currently reviewing what schools need teachers and if those classrooms will be filled with teacher transfers or new hires. A decision is anticipated to be made soon and great consideration will be given when deciding which students to move.

The open house was moved from August 31st to September 7th due to s schedule conflict with one of our feeder schools. The structure will be a little different than in past year and is as follows:

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| 5:30pm – 6:00pm | K-2 Parents in Cafeteria for Welcome | Grades 3-5 in classrooms for teacher presentation |
| 6:15pm – 6:45pm | Grades 3-5 in Cafeteria for Welcome | K-2 parents in classrooms for teacher presentation |
| 7:00pm – 7:30pm | K-2 parents in classrooms for teacher presentation | Grades 3-5 in classrooms for teacher presentation |

This will allow for parents with multiple students to participate in both the welcome and class presentations.

SDIRC decided to host an additional Casual for a Cause in September to assist with the recovery efforts for Hurricane Harvey. That dress down day will take place September 7th.

United Way Day of Caring will take place on October 14th at Beachland. Final decisions are being made on what our school project will be.

The School Improvement Plan is in the process of being updated. Portions will be divided up amongst members to review.

The new building dedication is in the works. It was discussed that older students would participate in the program during which local community members would speak and all students would be invited to participate in the flag raising for a new BES flag. More information to follow.

SIP goals were distributed and discussed. Indicators now include ELA, Math and Science. An update was given on the Moonshot Academy at Beachland. The Learning Alliance will be able to fund the first half of the year and there are hopes that other funders will step in to support the 2nd half. A brief discussion was had about what supports are in place similar to Moonshot for 4th and 5th graders. There isn't anything currently but members talked about offering a tutoring component in conjunction with some of the members of our basketball team.

Dr. Lord updated the group that SAC has a current balance of \$12,000. It is higher than normal because no money was expensed last year. Dr. Lord presented a request for funding so she could send 4-6 teacher to a one day Kagan Learning session in Lakeland on October 13th. The Accelerating Achievement workshop will provide strategies to boost achievement for all students, and decrease the gap between low and high achieving students. The cost of the session is \$229 per participant plus a one night hotel stay. Tracey Segal motioned to approve sending 4-6 teachers for a total cost not to exceed \$3,000. Cliff Melvin gave a 2nd. All members were in favor.

Julie Baker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm with a 2nd in Margaret Ingram.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Tracey Segal.