

School Advisory Council Meeting

MINUTES

October 16, 2015

Welcome/Introductions: Mrs. Hallonquist

- Call to Order/Opening – Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hallonquist at 8:05 a.m.
- Introduction of any new faculty, parents or community leaders:
 - Ava Flores (parent)
 - Christina Pereira (parent)
 - Wilson Fernandes (parent)
 - Fransisca Hernandez (parent)
 - Lynnette Whitfield (parent)
 - Tarsha Jenkins (Secretary)
 - Ana Bustos (parent)
 - Donald Brown (parent)

School Advisory Membership:

New members were voted to join SAC as voting members by parents (unanimously):

Ava Flores (parent)
Christina Pereira (parent)
Wilson Fernandes (parent)
Fransisca Hernandez (parent)
Lynnette Whitfield (parent)
Ana Bustos (parent)

Tarsha Jenkins (Secretary) – voted by school staff (unanimously)

Old Business:

Reviewed minutes from last meeting.

Mr. Gonzalez provided benchmark data updates and described trends using Performance Matters comparative analysis report. He described the ongoing staff development and progress monitoring that aligns with our SIP.

He presented our school wide behavior data and identified the improvement in office referrals and out of school suspensions.

New Business:

Parents were encouraged to participate in parent conferences. Mr. Gonzalez provided dates and directions for scheduling conferences.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Tetreault provided an update on FSA and the state's cap on testing. She explained that cut scores have been submitted to legislature. The cut scores were created by a state panel and align with achievement levels. If approved in January, we will know more about how they will affect our school's letter grade. We are currently monitoring progress using district benchmark assessments, mini formative assessments. Teachers will continue to receive training in literacy through Columbia University Teacher's College. Part of this training is to help them use student work as a means of assessing student progress. Rubrics and scales are being used and continue to be an area we will work on with teachers.

We have identified needs within subgroups, including ESE and have been providing small group interventions. We monitor the interventions with the MTSS Team to ensure we are doing everything possible to support ALL students.

SAC schedule: Parents were asked if the morning meetings are scheduled appropriately for their needs. All parents agreed, morning meetings are most accessible.

- Friday, November 13 – Media Center – 8:00 AM
- Friday, December 11 – Media Center – 8:00 AM

SAC Budget: Mrs. Hallonquist

- Balance = \$9,700.20
- Review Requests – NO requests were brought forward. Mrs. Hallonquist said teachers would be bringing presentations forward when requesting funds. She reminded SAC members that these funds should be spent to improve our student achievement and teachers have been informed.
- Mrs. Hallonquist reminded parents their attendance is necessary to be in compliance with SAC by laws. She reviewed attendance requirements.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Tarsha Jennkins and seconded by Mrs. Cofressi. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.