

Sebastian Elementary School
School Advisory Committee Minutes
February 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Katy Bartolini at 4:30p.m.

Members in Attendance

Katy Bartolini, Tish Hart, Cynthia Lowe, Audra Lydick, Audrey Stutzman, Alisha Trio, Chavar McKenzie

December/January Minutes

-The members read over the minutes. Audra Lydick motioned to approve the minutes. Alisha Trio second the motion. All were in favor.

Safety Procedures Review and Changes

-Mrs. Hart shared safety changes the school has planned to keep our students safe.

-We are scheduled to have a single point entry to our school but will not take place soon. Several schools need this safety feature.

-Mrs. Hart and Dr. Bacon conducted walk-throughs of the school with district personnel and our local police officers. They have implemented safety changes that were suggested.

-Chief Morris from the Sebastian Police Department was in attendance. She was able to answer any questions the parents had about law enforcement and what steps they are taking for the safety of our children.

-Our school has practiced our code drills frequently and preparing our children for these code drills.

-Our local police department has increased patrol on our campuses since February 14th.

-Cameras are in place and working. Mrs. Hart would like to lock the front doors to the school and priced wireless door bells. Visitors will ring the bell for assistance. She asked our SAC committee to purchase the door bells. Audra motioned to approve funding for the cost of the door bells. Alisha Trio second the motion. All were in favor.

-Classes will not transition in front of the school. The teachers will be told to transition behind the gates to Specials and Lunch.

-Early Arriving Students – Mrs. Hart contacts parents who are dropping their children off before school hours. She discusses her safety concerns because there is no supervision by adults at this time unless they are signed up for Before School care. It is also stated in the handbook what time children may arrive due to safety concerns.

-Mrs. Hart will meet with 21st Century and Afterschool Rec. staff and discuss safety procedures.

-Mrs. Hart will let parents know of security changes through Connect Ed and her monthly newsletters.

-Parents were concerned about kids opening the gates for adults. Mrs. Hart will address this issue with staff and students.

-There are metal plates on gates. The parents would like them welded on. At this point, zip ties are holding them in place. Mrs. Hart and Dr. Bacon will address this with Maintenance and get this changed.

-Parents feel the fences are too low. They are worried an intruder can jump the fences.

-Parents wanted more supervision of students at Drop Off and Pick Up Areas. Mrs. Hart reassured them that there is plenty of supervision because several teachers are assigned to these areas daily.

-Mrs. Hart has ordered a central phone. She will implement alerts to teachers and will discuss this with teachers at their safety meeting on Wednesday, February 28th. Several staff members also have radios.

-Parents were concerned about student with behavior concerns. Mrs. Hart shared services we have in place for these children. Our campus will have a Suncoast Mental Health counselor on campus on a full- time basis. They will start soon. Also, we have Ms. McGinty, our school psychologist to work with children. Teachers can refer students to our MTSS team for support. All children K-5 are participating in a course called, "Child Safety Matters."

-Our March fire drill will be announced to students.

Analog Clocks

-Maria Muth approached SAC and asked if we could purchase analog clocks for teachers who need them. Eight teachers have requested clocks. Audra Lydick motioned to approve funds for the clocks. Alisha Trio second the motion. All were in favor.

**Our next SAC meeting will be March 19th at 4:30p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m.