

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Fellsmere Elementary School

3:45p.m., October 20, 2020

Location: Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 3:54pm.

Old Business –

- Approve old minutes from last school year and last month
 - Parents were given time at the beginning of the meeting (3:45-3:54) to read the minutes from last month as well as February of last school year. Those minutes were not approved due to our early departure from school due to covid.
 - Motion to approve was made, seconded, and all parties present voted to approve the minutes.

New Business –

- Request for secretary
 - SAC chair requested a volunteer for a secretary to take notes during the meetings from now on to allow the facilitator to have more of a direct roll in the proceedings. A kindergarten parent named Monica volunteered happily and took notes.
- Carla Cundiff proposal
 - Kindergarten teacher proposed approval for the purchase of a digital resource to track student progress. The resource is a website subscription that allows the teacher to track letter sound and

number sense information, graph that information, and make flashcards. Ms. Cundiff provided everyone a copy of a student's results with the name blacked out so we could all review the resource as she explained it's purpose. It was also made clear that if it was approved in the meeting, it would still need to have district approval to be purchased. The total cost was \$913 for the entire Kindergarten grade level. A parent moved to approve, it was seconded, and all parties present voted to approve the resource. It will now be proposed to the district for their approval.

- Review data from Title 1 parent survey

Mr. Echeverria reviewed the parent survey results. 161 out of 572 families returned the survey. The top requests for funding by the families were reading, math, writing, science and social studies, homework assistance for parents, and enrichment supports. Parents also requested Friday evenings between 5 and 7 pm for events and supports where parents come on campus. A small number of parents also requested 8am to 10am. The largest barrier parents said they had was finding the time to come to school due to their work schedule. Parents requested to be involved in the classroom itself. It was mentioned that right now this is not possible because of covid. Parents preferred communication method in order is school messenger, phone calls, then notes in the agenda. After revisiting the barriers, we approved #1,2, and 5. We voted out barriers #3 and #4. A parent moved to approve the parent involvement agreement, it was seconded, and all parties present voted to approve with the changes stated above.

- Review Title 1 compact
 - Mr. Echeverria reviewed the Title 1 compact. No changes were made to the compact. Ms. Marsiglia recommended giving the compact at open house instead of the first conference so the agreement can be made before the students come to school and that they know what is

expected of them day 1. A parent moved to approve the compact as it is, it was seconded, and all parties present voted to approve.

- Conferences/Transitions for 2nd nine weeks
 - The official return date for students who chose to come back to brick and mortar from Transitional learning is October 26th, 2020. We have 7 kindergarteners, 11 first graders, 15 second graders, 10 third graders, 31 fourth graders, and 10 fifth graders returning to school. Every grade except third is having their transitional teacher return to brick and mortar teaching. Third grade transitional teacher has a health condition and will remain transitional servicing multiple schools. Masks are still required in the second nine weeks in all areas except the cafeteria when sitting spaced apart to eat, and outside at recess. Each grade level has their own time in the cafeteria without any overlapping from other grade like we normally have had in the past. Each grade receives 30 minutes of lunch. For conferences, we will be having this week for families who don't need translators and next week for those that do. Next week we will have 12 translators available to assist parents at conferences.

Open Forum –

- Monica asked “How long will kids have to wear masks?” Mr. Echeverria answered that the superintendent is phasing out the masks slowly. We have only had 2 case while other schools have had more and we credit that to our fidelity with masks and cleanliness.

Meeting was called to a closing at 4:30pm.

