



## **Beachland Elementary School** **School Advisory Council Minutes**

**August 26, 2022**

**8:00am in Mrs. Korzon's Room**

**Members:** Rachel Finnegan, Tanya Hyde, Ruth Santiago, Liz Kazmerwoski, Christina Watkins, Carrie Marques, Stacy Kenyon, Christy Krause, Marc Goodman, Tyeshia Marcelin, Melissa Abdo, Erin Porter, Kristi Challenor, Angie Vitter, Anabella Fiorini, Trina Van Os, Amy Korzon, Liz Ullian, Kristine O'Hagan, Ruth Santiago

**Audience:** Ainsley Seeley, Michelle Banack

Call to order by Mrs. Korzon at 8:09am

- Introductions/Welcome
  - Staff: Mrs. Finnegan introduced Mrs. Santiago, our teacher for students of a second language and as an asset for our school Mrs. Santiago has also been a finalist at the school district for teacher of the year. Mrs. Watkins is new to Beachland this year and has offered to be our secretary. Mrs. Finnegan was excited to announce that she got to watch Mrs. Watkins in action over the summer during Moonshot academy. Mrs. Mitchell has returned to Beachland and has done a phenomenal job with our students checking in and checking out with the students. We are so excited she is here to celebrate our success with our students. Mrs. Banack has over 30 years of experience, and Mrs. Finnegan shared they both worked together when she was just starting out and now they are very excited to be back together again here at Beachland. Mrs. Seeley is here from the district to support ESE services, and has a range of experience and knowledge in our district.
  - Parents/ Community Member: Melissa Abdo is new to Beachland. Tanya Hyde, Liz Kazmerowski, Stacey Kenyon, Christy Krause, Christine O'Hagan is our community member, Mrs. Marquez, Marc Goodman, Elizabeth Ullian, Kristi Challenor, Tai Marcelin is a new Beachland family, Anabella Fiorini, Angie Vitter, Trina Van Os.
- Review/Approve minutes from May 2022
  - Kristi Challenor Motions to approve the minutes, Stacey Kenyon seconds it. Passes unanimously.
- New Business Appoint SAC Chairperson for 2022-2023
  - Our SIP (school improvement plan) was reviewed on Wednesday and it still needs a few steps to be submitted, which isn't due until September 30<sup>th</sup>. The SAC has to agree. If we want to agree, we can. The way the state scores our school is the performance of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade- we were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district with an "A". This year our goal is to sustain and strengthen our "A", however we are starting with a new test. We are strategic with the different goals we have put in place. This year, however, what determines the school grade is the ELA and Math for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders; for 5<sup>th</sup> its ELA, Math, and Science. The science test is a full comprehensive test from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Our school grade this year is solely based on achievement/proficiency, and not learning gains and/or bottom quartile. The goal is to get every child on grade level by the time they leave.
  - Right now we have early STAR literacy for K-2, and FAST for 3-5; these are given 3 times a year in addition to the iReady diagnostics. The next iReady diagnostic is in early October. The next FAST/STAR testing will be around Winter Break. Fourth grade writing will be typed this year in April. In May, we will do the last STAR/FAST testing.
  - Mrs. Chanellor inquired about laptop access. Mrs. Finnegan announced every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be getting a 1:1 chromebook device checked out to them.
  - Last year we started as a C, 114 points from an A; we had a covid closure, and the Reading AMPLIFY and Math curriculum arrived late, during the closure. Beachland experienced a plethora of teacher/staff movement. The goal



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for the 21-22 school year was -13 points to an A. Despite everything... the students demonstrated WAVE expectations, recited the Kids at HOPE Pledge daily, stayed positive, and came back in January at 56 points to an A. At the end of a year, the 21-22 predicted Grade was 426 points (5 points to an A). Beachland was an A!

- Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of ALL district schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> heist for ELA achievement
- 4<sup>th</sup> highest for math
- 4<sup>th</sup> highest for science
- Silver STEAM school
- PBIS Bronze Model School
- FULL TEAM of teachers and Staff to start 2022-2023
- Our teachers, staff, and adults on campus are “treasure hunters”, which means you are on campus to help find all the talents, skills, and achievements of everyone on campus.
- Principal's Report and Dates
  - Q1 goals are academic data based: close the gaps of our subgroups and close the gap between achievement in ELA and Math. This year we are focused on monitoring students every week to see who is mastering the standards, and how can we support them with intervention to ensure they meet proficiency. Teachers are budding thinking classrooms, and students with an EP are using accelerated math with Teacher of Gifted and RTI.
  - Our other goal is Culture and Climate- all our staff was trained in GREETS, which ensures staff greet each and every student every day. Our goal: Overall student score of 5 out of 5 when asked if they have a sense of belonging at school.
    - Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be “lifeguards/ shark buddies” in the cafeteria to help kindergarteners during breakfast time. They can sit and read with the kindergarteners and help them with their breakfast.
  - Family and Community Engagement goal – communication: Over score of 5 out of 5 in communication. All staff will call 5 students from their homeroom every week from a positive phone call home. All parents will have at least 1 phone call home by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Mrs. Finnegan shared she is getting emails, calls, and texts about how much parents love receiving it. Staff must greet every student.
  - STEAM Plan: school-wide potato vine
  - September 10<sup>th</sup> – ELC has free admission for BES students and families; Dr. Moore will be there.
  - Trunk or Treat is 10/20 – chaired by Kristi Challenor
  - September 15<sup>th</sup> – open house
- Vote on Officers and Monthly Times and Meetings: Mrs. Watkins is the current secretary- Melissa Abdo has offered to be the backup secretary in case Mrs. Watkins is absent. Vote to keep SAC meetings the last Friday of the month at 8am. October's meeting would need to be Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Vote on Officers and meeting dates
- Vote on SIP and Approval
- Angie Vitter motions to approve officers, meeting dates, and SIP. Anabelle Fiorini seconds it. Passes unanimously.



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- **Unscheduled Topics**
  - Sunday phone calls have the most information for the upcoming week for parents. Mrs. Finnegan also posts the "all call" on Facebook and Twitter.
  - Marc Goodman expressed a concern that, from a parent's point of view, it feels like they drop off their students, pick them up, and don't have much of an idea of what goes on during the day.
  - Mrs. Finnegan needs some decorations for the Parent Resource room.
  - PBIS will be implemented school-wide soon. This will make surfs and waves all digital.
- Mrs. Korzon Adjourned the meeting at 9:26am.

Minutes submitted by: Christina Watkins, SAC secretary