

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Start: 4:00 End: 4:30

Welcome and call to order: Brenda Pence

Review April 17th SAC meeting minutes: motions made. Approved.

Principal's report: Ms. Fuller wishes we had more time in each day these last couple of weeks. So many activities at our school. Because of rain, we are having to reschedule field day for some grades, and with field trips and testing we are tight on available timeslots. With the new schools opening in the fall, DCE has some teaching positions come open. She has interviewed 36 teachers for four available positions so far. She expressed that we want to make sure we get the very best applicants. Twelve of our current teachers assisted with these interview panels.

Something happening every day! Pizza reward parties, 2nd grade flea market, and we will have a "clap-out" at end of day for the 5th graders on Tuesday, sending them on their way to whichever school they may be attending next year.

We are keeping our promise to those students who showed growth on their I-Ready assessments: they get pizza! 99% of students showed growth on I-ready. She is amazed to see the growth of some of these students---very pleased. Testing is not complete until Friday---the challenge this year is for time. Next year we are hoping that paper-based testing will be easier, except the challenge, again, will be getting volunteers to proctor.

Our students are clearly tired of testing—"tested-out!" Hopefully something will change soon.

A state bill passed involving safety/education mandates. Many things included--we will be impacted positively (more social services/mental health services) and negatively (increase per student is .47 per student, per year). Most of the funding is going to safety measures, and the Hope Scholarship (fears that some will take advantage to get funds for private schools---could impact Public School). But, looking to the positive: there are reading scholarships for tutoring, etc. Will change some things---Ms. Fuller feels it is a "mixed bag" of positive/negative.

Ms. Fuller assured that everyone will get a letter detailing how SJCPs will be addressing safety. Mr. Forson wants parents to feel good about their children being in school. One social worker will be housed here at DCE for the Creekside area(considers this one of the positives).

Regarding PTO: Ms. Jones will be president next year. Ms. Fuller thanked PTO for all they do, and Ms. Jones for her commitment to our school as she takes over as PTO president.

Questions: *Does the recently-passed bill address Common Core?* Answer: no—has nothing to do with curriculum issues, but there are some additional requirements for teacher certification.

Comment: *a parent shared opinion that more field trips should be technically-based.* Ms. Fuller answered that a field trip must be tied to a standard in a certain grade level. She agreed that it is something we can look into.

VOTE on future Chair/Co-Chair: Motions made. Ms. Kuczewski and Ms. Heath approved as chair and co-chair for next year's SAC.

Membership: Motions made. Christie Ball voted in as member for next year. Ms. Fuller thanked Ms. Schaefer and Dr. Nguyen for their many years of service to SAC and our school as their youngest children will be leaving us at the end of this school year.

Next meeting(s): discussed having SAC meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to avoid conflicts during last week of November and December going into holidays. Might have the August meeting on another week to avoid having it the very first week of school. Ms. Ball offered to man a SAC info table during Meet the Teacher Orientation in August.

Members present: Angie Fuller, Brenda Pence, Ashley Schaefer, Ann Nguyen, Jan Phillips, Jennie Jones, Kara Bid, Karen Chris, Kristin Efrat, Mike Anderson, Rachel Hughes, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Terryl Speer

Members absent: Melissa Guthrie

Guests: Lorrie Cosgrove (District Buddy), Christie Ball, Troy Mack, Laverne Walker(Assistant Principal)