

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Start: 3:30 End: 4:42

Welcome and call to order: Sherri Kuczewski, Co-chair.

Review August 21, 2018 meeting minutes: motions made, approved with corrections.

Principals report: Ms. Fuller shared that our Open House nights had good attendance. Conferences coming up. SIP (School Improvement Plan) will be presented to School Board on 09/18. Our official presentation here will be in October. We did meet our math and science goals for last year. Again, ELA (English and Language Arts) will be our focus, working toward gains in reading. Our ESE students did not acquire same level of learning gain, so we will focus on that subgroup as well. Another area of focus will be climate and culture here at DCE. Durbin's demographics have changed (exampler: in the past, few students receiving free and reduced lunch—now, just over 16%). We are using "Project Wisdom" in the morning, which includes words of wisdom about choosing to be kind/do our best/accepting the differences amongst us. Movie night: a success. A lot of folks and a lot of mosquitoes! Kids had a great time.

Fire prevention day is 09/25. Fire truck will be here. Safety rules w/students, etc. Boy Scouts coming through next week to recruit for Round-Up. Monday, Oct. 1st is Family KNIGHT. We are in Creekside feeder pattern—no homework, no extended activities. Families encouraged to do family activities. We will have a Fall Family Night. February will have a family night as well.

Questions: *Security officer changes?* We are assigned Officer Kowieski along with other nearby schools (SJCS). Challenges to getting our security guard—we haven't found just the right person yet. We have a supervisor this week. We will have an armed guard at all times. This is taken very seriously. A parent asked if parents could have suggestions to help their children process info received in the safety video. Ms. Fuller said that we will look into resources without "over talking" it to the children. Ms. Fuller shared that the K-1 did not ask questions. Grades 2-3 asked about the police dog. Grades 4 and 5 asked "what-if" questions. We now have the policy of "never be by yourself." We will look into more resources. A Parent suggested that students that get locked out be told: go back to the classroom.

Ms. Fuller is working on getting a swipe card for glass door and camera/buzz-in system at some other doors. Will cost about \$10K. Should be getting some funds at the end of September and she hopes to request use of such for this and getting installed quickly. We also need shade structures/repair on old walkway cover. Hoping drainage issues will be remedied near space house very soon. Morning drop-off: a parent notes that cars are allowed to enter earlier, but no PSA until 8:00, so the first line to drop off has difficulty exiting. Ms. Fuller shared that ours is the only county that has PSAs. Sherriff's department says they are short-handed, but will be remedied soon. Ms. Fuller is in contact with Sheriff's dep Hoping to hire 8 more resource officers. One day we were without a PSA, so Ms. Fuller directed cars from the west into bus loop, but they, too, had a hard time exiting safely. Suggestion that all turn right going out. Cell phone signs now in place.

SAC member responsibilities: reminder of attendance. If you do need to miss, etc. let us know. Rachael Hughes has advised of scheduling conflict so she has removed herself from roster.

Membership: motions made, Casey Cusack (1st grade), Stephani Celender (5th grade), Tanisha Rose (parent) voted in as new members.

Comments: Fund requests explained by Ms. Kuczewski, Ms. Fuller. Reminder that they must be turned in them at least a week in advance of meeting.

Next meeting: October 9, 2018. 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Angela Fuller, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Jan Phillips, Melissa Hatcher, Teresa Padgett, Mike Anderson, Christie Ball, Carey Blumberg, Tamara Caudill, Kristin Efrat, Nicole Franklin, Ana Lucuti, Terryll Speer, Kerry Sullivan, Rajani Vijayakuman

Members absent: none

Guests: Stephanie Celender, Casey Cusack, Tanisha Rose, Lorrie Cosgrove (District buddy), LaVerne P. Walker (Assistant Principal)