

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Start: 4:00 End: 4:40

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

Introductions: all in attendance introduced themselves.

Review April minutes: motions made, approved.

Principal's report: Angela Fuller, principal, thanked all attendees for being here; explained how she looks to SAC for support of our goals as a school. Enrollment started at 870 (still registering more). We are full, even with new "learning cottages." Not expecting growth to slow, with new construction nearby. Positive of this growth is that we get more support, staff-wise, as enrollment hits 1000. We are still looking for teachers---hard to locate them at this time as the state requirements are off-putting to potential candidates. Also, economy going well---some simply don't *need* the jobs. She shared that at one time, there would be 300-400 applicants per job opening. Now, only 3 or 4!

We will discuss SIP(School Improvement Plan) next month. Focus last year was ELA (reading). Now we are focusing on other areas. She will present SIP to District first, then to us. We are working on climate and culture goals. Will continue that this year. Project Wisdom will be used, as it applies to how we treat each other.

Dorian set us back a few days, but we are getting back on track. Hopeful that we will not have any more hurricane events. Also, there is talk that we might be getting some students from the Bahamas.

Our demographics continue to change. 12% free lunch last year as compared to 20% this year. Also, multi-lingual. We have additional Rosetta Stone licenses (language lessons) and additional ipads for students who are learning English. Ms. Fuller explained opening bus loop to cars in the morning, after bus drop-off complete. Discussion of traffic issues.

Review SAC Member Responsibilities: Ms. Kuczewski discussed functions of SAC: communication and encouragement to population, respond to needs of the school in the formation of School Improvement Plan. Described ideal composition. Peer groups elect peer groups: Ms. Fuller can appoint if there is a need, to assure SAC is representative of the school population. Also discussed attendance requirements(two absences in a row require removal from roster). Parent members become knowledgeable and act as a resource and communication link. SAC is really all about School Improvement. Must have 8 meetings per year. Also discussed that SAC funding through the District, and funds must go to support the SIP. Ms. Kuczewski also shared that we use a loose form of Roberts rules to facilitate efficient meetings, and must limit sidebar discussions.

Voted in as new members: *teachers* Jami Lyn Kotula, Larissa Davis, Emily Hoover, Jill Tor. *Parents:* Natalie Tybeck, Christine Gerdak, and Nicole Lizzmore (Ms. Lizzmore is also our business partner member). Also voted in: faith-based partner Margaret Morin (from Pneuma church). Motions made. Above voted in as new members.

Reminder: Public presentation of School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be next month.

Next meeting: October 8, 2019. 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Angela Fuller, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Jan Phillips, Stephanie Celender, Mike Anderson, Carey Blumberg, Tamara Caudill

Members absent: James Chen, Rajani Vijayakuman

Guests: Lorrie Cosgrove (District buddy), LaVerne Walker (Assistant Principal). Natalie Tybeck, Margaret Morin, Christine Gurdak, Kyle Cribbs, Jami Lyn Kotula, Larissa Davis, Emily Hoover, Nicole Lizzmore, Jill Tor, Teresa Padgett

