

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Start 4:00 End: 4:49

Welcome and call to order: Sherri Kuczewski

Review October minutes: motions made; approved.

Principal's report: Ms. Fuller advised that enrollment continues to increase (4 new preK's this week). She shared with the loss of a well-loved teacher, two fellow teachers went to be interviewed at the District since that teacher was selected for Teacher of the Year. Banquet will be 01/31. Expecting a large contingent from our school. Ms. Lahris was selected as Rookie of the Year. School-related Employee of the Year: Vanessa Baez. Much for which to be thankful!

Kicked off Jump rope for Heart today (Kids Heart Challenge) which will continue through 11/25. Hard to believe this Friday marks halfway point in this 9-weeks grading period! SIX Saturdays before Christmas! A lot of busy-ness coming up: Spelling Bee this week for 4th and 5th graders. December: chorus concert 12/12 and many field trips. Our second I-ready testing window (K-5th), as well. This will let us know if progress is being made on learning gain. If a student is 2+ years below grade level, we still want to stretch their growth. Testing starts 12/9-01/17. Test scores will not be sent home to parents, but best-shared via the teacher (in-person). Happy to share with parents in person.

Boosterthon coming up in February (our one "big fundraiser"). Ms. Fuller has been very frugal with Extended Day profits—now has enough to add additional pavilion for P.E. (98'x58' with fan) at a cost of \$166K. Goal is to have construction completed before end of February, but no assurance of that. Otherwise, will be over the summer. Safety is a priority.

Chorus question: who will attend chorus concert. **Answer:** entire school will attend during the school day.

SAC Funds requests: Ms. Kuczewski reviewed by-laws regarding use of SAC funds and our SIP goals. 4th grade teacher Stacy Kinney asked for funds to purchase Scholastic News for her students: \$88.55. Ms. Fuller advised that it probably would not be approved, based on District standards. Ms. Fuller went on to explain why some items are not approved, suggesting that PTO funds be requested. No vote. Tabled.

Our P.E. coaches requested funds to attend Share the Wealth conference to help boost the science application of their curriculum. This could help achieve our school science goals. Ms. Fuller added that it does go along with the science curriculum. Hotel and registration: \$850 for two coaches. Discussion. Motions made. Approved.

Question about budget: *how do we know we will have enough to cover something else at a later time?* Ms. Fuller shared that we are very careful with our budget. SAC does not typically spend a lot; we now have about \$5700. More added each year, and it does accrue. Ms. Fuller will guide SAC in usage if there is something we need to hold for. Teachers on SAC share with faculty that SAC helps pay for their needs, etc.

Comments: none.

Adjourned: 4:29

Next meeting: December 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Angela Fuller, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Jan Phillips, Emily Hoover, Larissa Davis, Stephanie Celender, JamiLyn Kotula, Jill Tor, Mike Anderson, Carey Blumberg, Ashley Bunnell, Tamara Caudill, James Chen, Kyle Cribbs, Keysha Dixon, Christine Gurdak, Carol Hardison, Margaret Morin, Natalie Tybeck, Rajani Vijayakuma

Members absent: Nicole Lizzmore, Deepak Nenmini,

Guests: LaVerne P. Walker, Lorraine Cosgrove (District Buddy)

