

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Start: 4:03 End: 4:34

Welcome and call to order: Sherri Kuczewski

Review November minutes: motions made; approved

Principal's report: Ms. Fuller shared construction crew has footers in place for new PE pavilion. Hoping it will be ready by Space Night on February 7, 2020. Chorus performances are this week, both during school and Thursday evening for parents. No outside visitors during daytime performance without prior approval from Ms. Fuller. We are getting ready for 2nd quarter. Guiding Coalition meeting was yesterday--discussed new teaching requirements. Teachers have more being "put on their plates" with new in-service requirements, etc. Parental support is greatly appreciated. We will have a staff holiday celebration next week.

We are expecting six more "learning villas" (relocateable classrooms) for next year, based on projected enrollment. She expects DCE enrollment to be 900 by end of year. Pre-K is almost to capacity.

Social media and cyber-crimes as the issue relates to students has been discussed recently. Ms. Fuller hopes to get funding for a seminar about how students as young as 3rd grade are using other apps to text without their parents' knowledge. This is first generation that knows more than their parents regarding technology. We have students that have posted what some would find inappropriate—but if it happens off campus there is nothing school can address.

SAC Survey: Ms. Kuczewski shared that there will be a staff survey and parent survey in February. It is very important we are all in attendance for January meeting to review survey questions. There are 13 required questions. Ms. Kuczewski read them aloud. **Question:** *what is the goal for having survey?* **Answer:** Ms. Fuller answered that the survey helps with development of SIP. For example: computer class vs. PE required minutes. She added that a STEM teacher might be in our future. Survey also lets SAC and administration know how parents and teachers feel about our programs. Ms. Kuczewski agreed to scan and send the required questions to any who want them. Ms. Fuller encouraged SAC to promote the survey to fellow parents. Also, Ms. Fuller reminded that there are some things the local school has no control over i.e. curriculum, lunch program, start times, etc.

Funds requests: 5th grade requests K-5 "Generation Genius" subscription for the entire school. Supports Science goals across all grade levels. \$795 per year. It includes a video with interactive opportunity. **Question:** *can PTO help pay for it?* **Answer:** yes, but not necessary as this is something that supports our SIP. Motions made, approved.

Questions: re: recent email from superintendent about a program about substance abuse/child trafficking. "Child Safety Matters". Ms. Fuller answered that the program has been adjusted to be age-appropriate, and will be presented through guidance classes. A SAC member who has experience as guidance counselor, has experienced using the program and shared praise for the program. FOCUS group member also advised and assured that the program is age-appropriate.

Ms. Fuller thanked SAC members for their attendance, and expressed best wishes to all for the holiday.

Adjourned: 4:34

Members present: Angela Fuller, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Jan Phillips, Emily Hoover, Larissa Davis, Stephanie Celender, JamiLyn Kotula, Jill Tor, Mike Anderson, Ashley Bunnell, James Chen, Kyle Cribbs, Christine Gurdak, Carol Hardison, Nicole Lizzmore, Margaret Morin, Deepak Nenmini, Natalie Tybeck

Members absent: Carey Blumberg, Tamara Caudill, Keysha Dixon, Rajani Vijayakumar

Guests: Lorrie Cosgrove (District Buddy), Laverne P. Walker (Assistant Principal)