

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Start 4:02 End: 4:40

Welcome and call to order: Sherri Kuczewski

Review January 2020 minutes: motions made; approved.

Principal's Report: Ms. Fuller shared that the activities at DCE are moving right along. We are almost in "budget season." We are confirmed to add six portable classrooms for next school year. After Boosterthon at the end of this month, the new P.E. pavilion will be under way. She reported that DCE will host a summer reading camp and a summer VPK program this summer. While it is a 3rd grade reading camp, it is opened to 1st and 2nd graders if not full of 3rd graders. This might interfere with planned floor remodel. So, that project is to be completed during Spring Break, utilizing two work crews. The big advantage to the new flooring is that it does not require a "strip and wax, thus saving time and money going forward.

The school District has announced plans for a new high school. School board has reported that the .5 sales tax is truly making a difference and goes a long way toward helping District manage expenses for the growth. Ms. Fuller encouraged SAC members to share this positive news about the sales tax.

Our Federal Government has recently changed qualification guidelines for Title I schools (must be an elementary). So, some middle schools will be losing the Title I funds. Per-school amount has not been cut, just the number of schools receiving those funds. Our county will compensate by sharing of other schools' resources to help maintain services to those middle schools.

Ms. Fuller was pleased to share that the District will hire another nursing coordinator. Our one current coordinator is managing 44 schools---this will be a great help.

New BEST (**B**enchmarks for **E**xcellence in **S**tudent **T**hinking) standards have been released for review. Classroom use of those standards will not start in August. ELA(language arts portion) will be implemented in 2021-2022. Math will be implemented with 2022-2023. We will not changing how we do things here until after next year. Most administrators have not yet had time to review the program. Ms. Fuller advised we will do what is best for our students. There was a discussion of how math might be taught differently.

Looking at getting Schoology(communication tool between teachers and students) for grades 3, 4, and 5. We are sending a teacher to training in March. Hoping to get more technology in the near future.

Space Night went very well with close to 1700 people on campus. It was not meant to be a moneymaker, but rather, simply a family outreach activity. Discussion very positive.

Question raised regarding impact of expected 400-unit apartment complex in our zone. Ms. Fuller answered that statistically, apartments do not yield a huge number of school-age students. Her guess is that there will be rezoning at some point. Our District makes every effort not to rezone families who have been rezoned before. When our enrollment reaches 1000 we get more resources (bookkeeper, AP, and guidance counselor).

Surveys: both parent and staff surveys will be live 2/18 through 03/02. Need at least 20% participation for parents, and 60% for faculty and staff. Links will be sent to both groups.

Next meeting: March 10th, 4:00.

Meeting adjourned: motions made. Adjourned 4:40.

Members present: Angela Fuller, Sherri Kuczewski, Teri Heath, Jan Phillips, Emily Hoover, Stephanie Celender, JamiLyn Kotula, Jill Tor, Carey Blumberg, James Chen, Christine Gurdak, Carol Hardison, Nicole Lizzmore, Deepak Nenmini, Natalie Tybeck

Members absent: Larissa Davis, Mike Anderson, Ashley Bunnell, Kyle Cribbs, Margaret Morin, Rajani Vijayakumar

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