

## Durbin Creek School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Start: 4:07 PM

End: 4:43 PM

Recorder: Christine Gurdak, SAC member and parent

**Welcome and call to order:** Ms. Kepner

**Review of November 2022 minutes:** Motion to approve Ms. Napier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dara Giddings

**District Report from Shannon Phillips:** Donna from INC, Tools for Schools Leader – teachers can go on and request items for the classroom, free delivery. Great resource that is not fully being utilized. Will share the contact information. Main topic was safety and security, lockdown protocols. Highest priority for Florida schools. FS assessment tool, incident reporting. State expectations, schools must comply. One the state reps that sits on the commission is in our district. Our district has some of the best tech, we do not require teachers/staff/ etc. to download apps. Lockdown badges to all types of emergencies. Staff if trained. Automatically calls 911 and notifies admin. Drills are mandatory each month, not always announced. Interesting feedback on student reactions – different at age levels and expectations. School reporting app – threats to safety. Access available to all. Most reports are not serious threats, but the app is being used frequently. Sheriff's office follows up.

Accreditation review year, used to develop strategic plan.

Over 50K students at 20 day count, 11% growth in 2 years.

December meeting will discuss field trips with travel. Transportation is an issue, they are under resourced. There is an approved parent driver process to assist with field trip travel. Parents can work with teachers and the district to use the individual vehicle

600 teachers hired this year, half are second career teachers.

Hurricane Ian makeup days announced.

**Principal's Report with Mrs. McCormick:**

Process of interviewing tutors for K-3, list looks promising. Extra support for reading.

Growth – in the next year, 3 new K-8 will emerge. Schools will open the following year. One will be in the Shearwater area.

Limited field trips due to lack of bus drivers. 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to the Space Center. 4<sup>th</sup> grade did Challenge Island – former STEM teacher in the district came into the school. Super Mario Bros theme – built a ski ramp.

Holiday shop is open, the kids love it!

Finished last round of STAR testing, K-2. Meeting with grade levels, new assessment, to review accessing and reading reports. How to best share the info with families for greater understanding. First

round was messy, this round has gone so much smoother. 3-5 will test through Cambium platform after break.

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter next week. No more FSA so teachers are navigating through the new testing, which is later in the year.

Winter concert is Thursday at 6:30. Our chorus group will be performing

Admin currently performing observations; increased frequency due to new teachers.

Everyone is tired and ready for break, teachers are still doing the very best. Instruction is staying the course.

12 days of cheer – different theme every day.

**SAC Meeting Dates:** Next meeting is January 10, 2023

**Questions/comments:**

Is there a plan to do honor roll awards? Monthly character counts awards, internal celebration. We will continue discussions around an honor roll ceremony or certificates. Cost of paper and toner are very high right now.

STEM update from Mrs. Heath: Our STEM program was awarded \$2,474 of a grant to spend on 8 Lego kits. iPads will be used to code and program the kits to do different things. Students are enjoying Code.org

Wendy Napier is interested in becoming SAC co-chair in January. We will vote in January. Ms. Kempner will remain a member.

Winter break starts on 12/22, teachers resume 1/4 and students 1/5.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn – Dara Giddings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Olson

**Virtual members present:** Christine Gurdak, Christina Brock, Gilberto Garcia, James Chen, Keisha Dixon, Kyle Cribbs, Wendy Napier, Shannon Phillips

**In-person members present:** Ms. McCormick, Ms. Heath, Ms. Kepner, Dara Giddings, Melissa Snyder, Wendy Napier, Indra Boyapally, James Chen, Shannon Phillips, Christine Gurdak, Ashley Bunnell, Mike Anderson, Danielle Jackson, Tarra Lowe, Carol Hardison

**Guests:** Stephanie Boswell, Janie Olson