

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Start: 4:07 PM End: 4:29 PM

Recorder: Dara Giddings, SAC member and parent

Welcome and Call to Order: Mrs. Kepner

Review of December 2022 Minutes: Motion to Approve: Indra Boyapolly Second: Dara Giddings

Vote in Wendy Napier as new SAC Committee Co-Chair: Vote approved unanimously

Update regarding Parent and Faculty/Staff Needs Assessment Survey: We are not required to do the assessment at this time as it was a part of the recent accreditation process.

Principal's Report with Mrs. McCormick:

- We have finished this recent round of testing for both K-2 and 3-5. We are very fortunate to have a member of our team, an ESE Achievement Coach, who enjoys spreadsheets and has made some really great ones to help us understand the scores. With this information we are really able to identify and help students who are just on the cusp of understanding.
- The Guidance Counselors are doing WIDA testing with our English as a Second Language learners. This is ongoing and will continue through March.
- Our next testing window opens in April. Our K-2 classes will do their STAR testing in April and our 3-5 classes will do their FAST testing in May. We will be going into the last week of school with testing.
- We are Hold/Harmless this year because of new tests, so, our A rating from last year will carry over into next year. It will be up to the school district to assess progress made from last year to this year.
- Common Summative Assessments on 5/3
 - Performance Matters - will be able to compare trends from our school against the district and state trends.
- Overall, we are on course for where we should be this year.
- Budget Season is coming.
 - We have 986 students currently enrolled, including the VPK students.
 - We have had a few students from the apartment complex behind Aldi (Ascend) but move ins have not started for the apartment complex by Cypress Trace.
 - We will be looking at number for next year soon.
- There will be a Character Counts event at the end of the month and next year we are planning to return that to a family event.
- It is School Counselor week and we are so lucky to have 2 counselors – Jennifer Rodgers and Rachel McDonald.
- We have put out a link to look at to different proposed calendars for the next two years and provide feedback to the district.

- 2024-2025 A & B options
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- PTO Meeting on February 16 and a movie night on February 24
- The end of Quarter 3 is March 9 – we are almost there already.
- Keep checking your emails, there is a lot coming soon.

Questions/Comments:

- Christine Gurdak: is 3rd Grade going to be doing any off-campus field trips?
 - McCormick: We were told at the beginning of the year that we would not be able to do off-campus field trips because buses were not available. Things have changed a bit and some off-campus field trips have been approved, but 3rd grade does not have one planned. The Coding field trip coming here is incredible, but because it is later in the year and most funds have been approved for something, we won't have a lot of options to change.
 - Tarra Lowe: Was it considered?
 - McCormick: Not until now because we were told we would not have the buses, so the plans were made and deposits put down before the option changed, but I will take it back to them (the grade leaders) and see where we stand.
 - Shannon Phillips: At the last District Meeting, Forson talked about bus issues and some options were brought up by others for outside the box options; there is a spot on the website for Parent Approved Drivers as an option.

SAC Meeting Date: Next meeting March 7th, the 1st Tuesday of the month (due to Spring Break).

Adjournment: Motion: Indra Boyapolly, Seconded Erica Warwick

Members Present:

In person: Jeanie Kepner, Indra Boyapolly, Dara Giddings, Wendy Napier, Erica Warwick, Mandi Kinzig, Mrs. McCormick

Virtual: Teri Heath, Shannon Phillips, Christine Gurdak, Carol Hardison, Tarra Lowe, Keysha Dixon, Danielle Jackson, James Chen, Ashley Bunnell, Jill Tor

Guests:

Virtual: Kayla Tunnell