

Durbin Creek School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Start: 4:07 PM

End: 4:43 PM

Recorder: Christine Gurdak, SAC member and parent

Welcome and call to order: Ms. Kempner

Review of May 2022 minutes: Motion to approve India Boyapally, 2nd Mr. Anderson; all in favor

New member vote in: Ms. Heath explained membership with SAC. Monthly meetings, cannot miss more than 2 consecutive meetings. Regular attendance is required and you may vote on all items. Meetings are typically the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There is no member limit, however, SAC cannot have more staff than parents. We are looking for staff, parents, and community members. Over 50% of “yea” would be a yes vote.

Ms. Heath conducted a vote for new members – Indra Boyapally, Danielle Jackson, Tarra Lowe, Dara Giddings, Mandy Kinzig. Motion to approve Ms. Anderson; 2nd Ms. Tor. All in favor, no oppose.

Principal’s Report with Mrs. McCormick:

Things are going great, just completed the first round of progress monitoring, lots of tech glitches. DCE is communicating with the district and the district with the IT company. 3rd grade is testing this week. Hoping to see improvements so we can get valuable data for teachers. Just met with PTO raising \$\$ for the school asked what SAC would like to see the \$\$ spent on. Last year tech was focus K-1 -12 iPads, Pre-k has enough for small group for the first time. 11 laptop carts. Adding another cart. Carts are being used as mobile labs. Looking to future, where do we want to go next? To parents - what kind of improvements would you like to see. Will reach out to teachers as well. Email with any ideas this week. Last year we raised \$39,000, this year’s goal will start around \$40,000. Fundraising officially starts Oct 10th. Fun Run day Oct 21, run as grade levels, parents will be invited. SAC funds don’t come from PTO funds. Ms. Heath is inquiring about current balance for SAC funds. Ms. McCormick feels like we are in a good place tech wise however we can always enhance. Some ideas were teacher supplies, more tech, STEM materials.

Durbin is an A school again – great news! Due to new testing we are held harmless this school year. The current test contains mostly clicking. There will be a typing component and the district has purchased a typing program, available through Clever. Ms. Heath has been using the lessons during resource for all grades. Next rotation will have a typing assessments to gauge level. Ms. Heath will send out a notification after the next rotation so students know how to log in. Log in is the same from year to year. Testing is scheduled to finish Sept 30th, 4th and 5th grades still need to test. Halfway through 1st quarter, interims come out next week. Curriculum chats next week, parents only. Those who cannot attend please follow up with their child’s teacher.

SAC Meeting Dates: Ms. Heath emailed dates of all SAC meetings. In November it is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. In Feb and March we decided to shift those dates 1 week earlier due to Valentine's day and Spring Break. All meetings are 4-5pm and in the media center or virtual. Ms. Heath will email those attendees who were not on the original distribution list.

Review SAC member responsibilities: Ms. Heath reiterated the time commitment and not missing 2 consecutive meetings. We hear reports, weigh in on decision making, vote on spending.

SAC By laws: Ms. Heath explained that one week prior to the upcoming meeting, she emails the agenda and meeting minutes from prior month. Motion to approve – Mr. Boyapally, 2nd Dara Giddings; All in favor

Questions/comments: Ms. Heath has to send the SAC list to the district so there will be one more opportunity to join. Keisha Dixon asked about the iExcel program – has changed? In the past there were multiple subjects, now it's only math. Was the program downgraded? Ms. McCormick explained that last year we had all subjects as a pilot. To renew was very expensive. The district has asked to use what is provided as they navigate new standards. Mrs. McCormick will learn more about new resource for reading, LexiaCore5. The school is about to post for 4 part time tutor positions. We are looking for people that will be invested in our children like we are. Ms. Dixon recommended having a summer reading list. Mrs. McCormick will share this request with Ms. O'Brien. Carol Hardison offered to share the email with Ms. Dixon about the book committee. Ms. Heath thanked everyone for coming. Ms. Dixon asked about bringing children to attend in-person SAC meetings. Ms. Heath explained that there is no supervision available in the media center. Ms. McCormick said to contact her directly regarding this.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Tarra Lowe, 2nd Mr. Boyapally

Members present: Ms. McCormick, Ms. Heath, Ms. Kepner, Mike Anderson, Jill Tor, Ashley Bunnell, Christine Gurdak, Shannon Phillips, Keysha Dixon, Carol Hardison, James Chen, Kyle Cribbs

Guests: Ms. Candamio, Danielle Jackson, Mandi Kinzig, Erica Warwick, India Boyapally, Tarra Lowe, Gilberto Garcia, Dara Giddings, Christina Brock, Wendy Napier