

Durbin Creek School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, April 8, 2022

Start: 4:00 PM

End: 4:30 PM

Recorder: Christine Gurdak, SAC member and parent

Welcome and call to order: Ms. Heath

Review of March minutes: Motion to approve Mr. Chen, 2nd Ms. Brock

Principal's Report with Mrs. McCormick:

We are in 4th quarter already! First round of testing just finished, Grades 4/5 writing assessment, finished with 3rd grade reading. The whole school helps by changing schedules, quiet in the hallways, great few days. So proud of all. Next round beginning first week of May – 4/5 reading, math for all. K-3 will be taking iReady. Super excited to see where the kids land at the end of the year. Seeing tremendous growth. Currently, planning for next year in terms of growth, main focus is hiring and kindergarten to encourage early enrollment. We want the best and need to know if we will add headcount. Communication will come out regarding tours and Kinder info. We do have 65 K registered already. Encourage new neighbors to register using the school website. So important so we can account and order materials, get everything in place. Projected growth is just under 1,000. 5th grade sports night took place last weekend, kicks off 5th grade celebration as they prepare for middle school. Parents attended, kids had lots of fun. Upcoming events – PTO 4/21 at 6pm, Spring Fling dance 4/30. EOY countdown

Question asked about open positions, not losing any teachers there are new positions available

Field day parents? Likely yes

March SJCS Focus Group Meeting: Update by Shannon Phillips

Mr. Forson reviewed facility needs, age condition, tech – aging and equity; budgeting that principals have; discussed vendor vetting; <3 yrs old – no money, no repairs, principals prioritize repairs

Growth experience in the county; training LEO at every school in the county; camera access at each station to be proactive; increase in K-8 model to accommodate population helps zoning issues allows school to grow easier, studies show kids do better in the long run

Tech evolving, transitioning to new testing system, determined with budget device inventory is not counted for out of date devices

Open discussion – Parents Bill of Rights school board agrees they will always follow the law; bridge the gap between parents and families St. John's County Care Connect

PTO and SAC stayed for informal gathering to discuss fundraising ideas, teacher appreciation

Next meeting 1st week of May

SCA Member survey is open for voting. Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience, important to capture feedback.

There will be school recognition funds. Ms. Kepner and Ms. Heath will create the ballot for teachers to vote. SAC will review the results and vote to approve. A quorum is needed to approve the SRF. Next meeting we will look for SAC chairs for next year.

Questions/Comments: Ms. Heath reminded the committee that the next meeting will take place on May 10th to wrap up the school year. Teachers please let colleagues know to look for SRF ballot. SAC budget is aprox. \$11,000. No additional questions or comments.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Ms. Kepner, 2nd – Christine Gurdak

Members present: Ashley Bunnell, Ashley McCormick, Christina Brock, James Chen, Jean Kepner, Jill Tor, Kyle Cribbs, Christine Gurdak, Kristen Logan, Margaret Morin – Pneuma, Megan Berry, Shannon Phillips, Taylor Johnson, Teri Heath

Guests: none