

Durbin Creek School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Start: 4:00 PM

End:4:23 PM

Recorder: Christine Gurdak, SAC member and parent

Welcome and call to order: Ms. Heath

Review of January minutes: Motion to approve Mr. Chen, 2nd Ms. Tor

Principal's Report with Mrs. McCormick:

Enrollment – update on current enrollment 945 students, that is 100 more students than the start of the school year. Interesting that kids are coming from everywhere, across the country, places in Florida, France. Wide variety of skills, background, and English-speaking skills. Families are bringing new cultures, languages to Durbin. Ms. McCormick is trying to learn a few words in the different languages to connect with new students. There are already new registrations out there, adding new students every day. She anticipates the 945 number will stick and will continue to consider adding a new resource. May send a survey to parents, STEM is a high area of interest. Will know more in Spring. We are approaching budget season, working with District on projected enrollment and staffing/resourcing. Will keep us updated.

PLCs - Would like to celebrate PLCs and the cross grade level and functional work that has been taking place. She preparing to talk to school board about SIP.

Staffing - Fluid year – need subs, unexpected resignations, paraprofessional position openings. We've had quite a bit of subs and paras in the building. High quality so the children are in good hands. Staff has been welcoming and providing support for adult needs and what the students need. All means all – all the kids are all of ours and it's been amazing to see that phrase implemented. Super proud of the staff and the amazing work going on. She hopes the new teachers have felt the support. It's important to take care of each other and she is proud.

iReady - winter diagnostic completed, diving into the data. Kids are progressing that way we hope. Professional from iReady to support a deep dig tomorrow to help determine next steps.

Character Counts - Grade level chats on Character Counts are taking place, conversations with students on what it means to be an Outstanding Explorer. Goal is that the student can tell us as well as show us. We are handing out Explorer tickets through the news on Fridays. They can earn a Durbie award to display on their desks for recognition.

Student Advisory Council - Ms. McCormick is going to start a student advisory council with 4th and 5th graders. Really wants a student voice to start happening. Not a kid in the school that cannot be a leader. Sent a survey to teachers regarding clubs and things that can come back to Durbin or start new. Results will available in the coming weeks.

PTO – PTO is doing amazing work. They are using money raised from the FunRun to purchase tech for the school – 90 iPads to increase K & 1, also increasing for Pre-K. Teachers have had a refresh of laptops, we have a high number that can be repurposed for student use. PTO will add an additional 60 laptops, plus purchasing 3 charging carts. Adding additional bike racks on both sides. Celestina bike launch pad will be expanded over the summer. Additional parking on that side as well, you may see the fence line move. Originally talked about shade coverings for the bike areas but after quoting, the prices have tripled. Well over 100K for one side. Did not feel that was a good use of funds.

State testing - Will look at new progress monitoring and testing as the state provides more details.

Parent & Faculty/Staff Needs Assessment Surveys:

Ms. Heath recap of survey review from last month. Took out intro regarding distance learning. No other changes to faculty/staff survey questions. The only change for Parent Needs Assessment was taking out a question around how their child attended school this year since there is no longer distance learning. Added 1 choice to additional resource question, FL, science lab, STEM, computer lab, and *Other* for parents to add additional ideas. Expected launch date of February 13th, Sunday. Ms. McCormick will send out a parent notification and put it in Staff News with links. Survey will close March 1st. Two weeks should give enough time to meet specific percentages, or will extend another week if necessary. Hopefully this can be completed before Spring Break. Ms. Heath asked if there were any additional questions on the survey. No comments. Motion to approve – Mr. Chen, 2nd – Ms. Brock

Ms. Heath – in the past, we have had a token/prize go home with students when notifying teacher that survey is completed. Ms. Heath will reach out to PTO and ask if they would do that again this year.

Questions/Comments:

No questions or comments from attendees. Ms. Heath reminded the group that our next SAC meeting will take place March 8th, 2nd Tuesday of March.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Ms. Brock, 2nd – Ms. Tor

Members present: Teri Heath, Ashley McCormick, Kyle Cribbs, Ashley Bunnell, Taylor Johnson, Megan Berry, Christina Brock, Sadie Ebanyat, Christine Gurdak, Jill Tor, James Chen, Carol Hardison, Margaret Morin, Mike Anderson

Guests: none