

## Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Start 4:00 End 4:35

**Welcome and call to order:** Teri Heath

**Approval of the March 2021 SAC meeting minutes:** Approved- C. Gurdek, seconded by Margaret – Pneuma Church.

**Principal's report:** Ms. McCormick thanked everyone for his or her patience during dismissal, especially rain day dismissal. We are rocking and rolling this school year. Due to Covid-19, the new school year did not start the way we have hoped, but the students are getting settled into our routine.

The students have already jumped full speed ahead with iReady assessments. We use iReady to calculate student growth.

Today, Governor DeSantis made a statement they will do away with FSA testing and will replace it with progress monitoring. Ms. McCormick mentioned that first the state will look at it and then it will trickle down to the districts. Students will still take the FSA this year, but next year it will look a lot different. The school district will keep parents informed.

Ms. McCormick announced that at this time, we have 12 kids below the 900 mark (888 students) enrolled at Durbin Creek. We are still having new students enroll. Many of the new students are from up north or district transfers. We anticipate more growth due to the new townhomes being built.

Our grade level teams have several new members. Our ILC, Katrina Stanton, is sitting in on the PLC meetings with each grade level. Now that we have established our rituals and routines, the PLC meetings are focusing on instruction and interventions.

Picture day is this Friday, 9/17!

Our PTO is planning a Boosterthon fundraiser in October. Ms. McCormick will meet with PTO to figure out a safe way where students can safely participate in our Boostethon fun run. Some items PTO is looking at helping our school fund with the money: more bike racks and technology. All students will benefit from these items.

**Review SAC member responsibilities:** Ms. Heath reviewed responsibilities for SAC members, what the role of SAC is within the school, and who should be included. She explained that only SAC members will be able to vote. She confirmed that meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 4pm. Due to Covid safety precautions, we will begin meeting virtually. She also reminded members that attendance is important and they cannot miss more than two meetings in a row. Ms. Heath explained that we also have SAC funds and the SAC committee will decide how the funds are spent and approve requests we receive. She will update us with the SAC fund balance at the October meeting.

**Review SAC bylaws:** Ms. Heath asked to vote the bylaws in and the motion was approved. Approved- C. Gurdek, seconded by Margaret – Pneuma Church.

**Vote in new members:** If you are not a SAC member and you are thinking about becoming one, please e-mail Ms. Heath and we will vote members in during our October meeting. Ms. Heath voted and confirmed the following new members: Megan Berry 4<sup>th</sup> (Approved, seconded), Taylor Johnson 5<sup>th</sup> (Approved- Margaret, seconded by Jill Tor), Christina Brock 1<sup>st</sup> (Approved- Margaret, seconded by Jill Tor), Sadie Ebanyat (Approved, seconded)

**Questions:** Ms. Dixon, inquired if there are any objectives for us to discuss for the coming year. Ms. Heath will get a SAC balance and will report on it in October so we can see how we can help support the school. Ms. McCormick explained that our school improvement plan is delayed, because of a delay with test results. However, we are really focusing on drilling it down to smaller subgroups, to make sure we are hitting every group and area that we can. This will filter into our school improvement plan. Ms. Dixon inquired about the student enrollment growth and asked if the district plans to build a new school. Ms. McCormick said there is currently no plans right now, but we are watching the numbers. She reached out to St. Johns County Sheriff's office regarding traffic patterns. We will most likely incline before we see relief, which has been the trend over the years at Durbin (increased enrollment, decreased enrollment, increased enrollment, etc.). Unfortunately right now, that means we will most likely have more portables (learning cottages) in the future once we fill the remaining empty classrooms that we have.

Mrs. McCormick mentioned that with the growth around us, there are concerns with the traffic patterns during arrival and dismissal, as well as with students on bikes. She reached out to the Sheriff's office to help assist our school, keep an eye on, and monitor the traffic patterns.

Ms. Heath reminded the attending members and participants that our next SAC meeting will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. She also sent out an e-mail with an attachment that lists all of the meeting dates for this year. She said that we are working through Microsoft Teams hiccups. She does not currently have access to directly send the Microsoft Teams invite, but she will plan to e-mail out the link at least 1 hour before every Tuesday meeting.

**Members present:** Teri Heath, Ashley McCormick, Jill Tor, Megan Berry, Taylor Johnson, Mike Anderson, Ashley Bunnell, Dennis Asiimwe, Margaret – Pneuma Church, Ramla Kasozi, Kyle Cribbs, Nicole Lizzmore, Christine Gurdak, Julia McKillop, Christina Brock, Shannon Phillips, Sadie Ebanyat, James Chen, Shannon Beardsley, Pollyane, Carol Hardison, Keysha Dixon, Keisa Boykin

Absent: Jean Kepner, Liz Caccamise

Minutes taken: Jill Tor