

SAC Meeting Notes January 5th

Call to order 6:00pm

Introductions

- Erica West- Chair for SAC
- Deborah McIntyre- 8th grade parent
- Bre McGrath- 7th grade student
- Elizabeth Klopfenstein- 6th grade teacher representative
- Shanna O'Meara- 8th grade teacher representative
- Cathy Tinucci- Building Principal
- Lisa Fillo- 8th grade Administrator
- Larry Logsdon- 6th grade parent
- Christine Logsdon-7th grade teacher representative

Approval of November minutes

Good Things to Report

- Testing season is upon us
- Do not have to test 7th grade social studies
- 10 new 8th graders
- 5 new 7th graders
- *Shrek* play was phenomenal
- Administration treated staff to lunch before break
- Coin Ceremony recognizing exemplary staff members for outstanding service
 - Renea Hendershott
 - Megan Rasmusen
 - Janine Sangiorgi
 - Cindy Arragon
- Brand new computers in the library (Chromebook carts, iPad carts)

DACC Report

- DAC dinner
- Quorum was able to vote
 - approved by-laws, and agendas
- Dave Watson was guest speaker to address fingerprinting in schools
- Rep from Vista Ridge discussed concerns about personnel who work alone on snow days
 - concerned about them getting injured and no one being there to assist them
- Andy Frank (Zone Leader for charter and online schools)
 - Discussed limiting enrollment
 - Banning Lewis should be up and running in the fall
 - Another school that has been approved is the James Erwin School where students would gain trade skills

- D49 has so many charters due to innovative initiatives and that these charters only charge 1%
 - concerns regarding growth due to these factors

New Business

- Dr. Pickering shared feedback from dashboard survey
 - These were the most important indicators from the feedback
 - Dr. Pickering is happy to accept any questions/feedback
- Cathy Tinucci will present:
 - Budget next meeting February 2nd
 - UIP (unified improvement plan) on April 5th

Teacher and Principal Reports

- Anti-Bullying Committee Meeting on Jan 5th
 - Path to Empathy (guest speaker)
 - Program to help students to build empathy
 - 3rd world problem vs. 1st world problem
 - Have students write “Respect me because...” on a lanyard and wear.
 - This is the developing phase and they have asked to have us pilot this program.
 - Very proactive program
- Christy Rigdon: will come and help interpret and sort through the PARCC data on Thursday to all teachers
- Leadership team will be digging into the PARCC data to help develop the improvement plan
- Student led conferences for next round of conferences
 - Students will present on their own learning to parents and guardians
 - Students are creating portfolios to showcase work from classes
 - Students will follow a script
 - Students led conferences will be on February 11th
- 6th Grade Report
 - LA: students taking the SRI test for the second time to give teachers data on growth of reading skills
 - Also working on plot pyramid with short stories
 - Math: writing and solving expressions and dividing fractions
 - Science: working on the water cycle
 - Western Hemisphere: studying Canada
- 7th Grade Report
 - Eastern Hemisphere: studying China
 - LA: poetry and short stories
 - Frog dissection in science
- 8th Grade Report

- 8th graders are going to Elitch Gardens on May 19th and students must earn their trip by good behavior and work ethic
- LA: students taking the SRI test for the second time to give teachers data on growth of reading skills
- American history: comparing presidential speeches
- Science: Starting their unit on weather

Future Meetings

- **Try an after school SACC meeting on March 1st at 3:30**
 - Lisa is planning on making some calls to get the word out and hopes to get more of a turn out at the next meeting with its new time
 - Erica will send out reminder of new time
- **February 2nd meeting will be at 6:00**

Agendas for Next Session

- Cathy Tinucci to present on Budget

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46