

School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes 10/04/2016

Attendees: Mike Pickering - Zone Leader, Patty Gioscia - AP, Erica West - parent, Pat Claman - parent, Braden Hutchinson - student, Anthony DeJulio-teacher, Ross Mortenson - teacher, Heather Wall - teacher, Sandi Halley - teacher, Rebecca Kuenn - teacher.

Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes for September meeting were reviewed and approved with a couple of minor revisions.

Dr. Pickering - DASHBOARD

After 2 years in the making the team has chosen the 6 key indicators based on input from staff and parents - literally hundreds of sticky notes filtered into categories, followed by a staff survey. The purpose of this is to evaluate the effectiveness of schools by more than just their scores on state assessments. Although state assessments will still be factored in they will not be used as the sole measure of success. It is hoped that this model may eventually be rolled out statewide and made available to board, staff, and parents.

6 Key Indicators

- Literacy
- Power pathways
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Security
- School climate

Innovation meeting will be held on 10/26/2016 and then the presentation to the board of education (B.O.E.) is scheduled for 11/10/2016.

Good News Reports

Erica West asked for members to share their good things:

Mrs. Kuenn - Success Strategies classes, which are the resource classes for students with IEP's, are being redesigned to better target their specific skill deficits. We still are working on better coordinating our organization system and lesson planning.

Student Report - Braden Hutchinson 6th Grade (son of Heather Wall, staff member) (Note, his presence brought on discussion about ways to include more students in the committee. Possible ideas were to include student council members.)

He likes changing classes and being able to see his grade anytime on the iPad.

Ross Mortenson: Skyview M.S. (SMS) held its science competition against Horizon M.S. (HMS) on Tuesday for trap machines and beat HMS in every category.

Sandi Halley - She shared her excitement about the sports teams and other extra curricular activities going on at SMS.

Other Business

Erica West -

SMS needs a representative to for the District Accountability Committee (DAC). They meet the last Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

SMS needs to recruit more parent to participate in SAC.

DAC representative should be a parent.

State expectation is to have at 3 or more parents who are independent, i.e., not district employees.

She urged the group to start asking around for willing parents.

After this a lengthy discussion about changing the meeting times for SAC, perhaps later to allow people to attend after work. Finally, we decided upon a meeting time of 5:30 on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Here are the Thursday dates:

11/17/2016	03/14/2017
12/15/2016	04/20/2017
01/19/2017	05/18/2017
02/11/2017	

DAC Report

There was a representation to learn more about all the types and purposes for Title I funding and the criterion for the allocation of these funds.

Charter school update. So far there are 6 charter schools under the D49 umbrella. Most have a 5 year charter, except for Banning Lewis Ranch Academy which has a 31 year charter. Two new ones are being applied for by Liberty Tree Charter Academy and Colorado Military Academy (STEM focus).

District Initiatives

The two focuses are on literacy and D49 pathways.

Teacher Reports

6th Grade - Anthony DeJulio

Language Arts - writing and reading comprehension. The students are encouraged to read 40 books in 9 genres this year.

Western Hemisphere - Ancient Rome.

Science - The students are studying about mass, weight, force, and density.

Math - fractions, decimals, percent, and coordinate graphing

7th Grade - Sandi Halley

No specifics to report

8th Grade - Ross Mortenson

Language Arts - focusing on the voice trait

Math- much the same as the 6th grade focus at a higher level - fractions, decimals, percent, and coordinate graphing

Enrichments - Heather Wall

Science competition, SOAR introducing genetics, 7th grade economics and Disneyland

Spending Priorities

Ross Mortenson brought up the discussion about considering American Sign Language as an alternative foreign language in light of the presentation on dyslexia. Mrs. Kuenn noted that her paraprofessional, Ms. Geary, was a sign language interpreter for about 20 years. Perhaps she could teach one session a day.

Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)

This is an ongoing project on which Patty Gioscia is taking the lead.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.