

# Skyview Middle School SAC Meeting

## October 25, 2018

Call to order 5:33 pm

Introductions:

Pat Claman (SAC Chair),

Julie Clark (SPED)

Jason White (Volunteer),

Brett Ridgeway CBO,

Ryan Sherman (Vice Chair/PTSA Rep)

Dan Wall Parent,

Heather Wall (Enrichment Teacher Rep)

Laura Sebastian (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep)

Chris Logsdon (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep)

Sharon Smith (Parent)

Patty Gioscia (Admin Rep)

David Rex (DACC Rep)

Casner Curran (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Red)

Approve Agenda Approved

Approve minutes - September 2018 as corrected.

### **Good things to report**

Laura's oldest daughter turned 18 years old yesterday

Chris's second older was adopted into Alpha Sigma Pi (Honor Society Fraternity)

Pat went as a family to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. It was the best take off in the last 5 years. There were many balloons and this year they had extra balloons.

The two weeks off was wonderful and she heard a lot of good comments.

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls ranked second in the league.

Her son made the basketball team.

Heather's kids are in the marching band and they made state quarter finals.

### **DAAC report-Given by Sharon Smith**

We talked about the ballot initiative.

Ameer Whetstine gave a report on the UIP process and how we are aligning it to the district big rocks and we have been using Cascade. We have an up-swing in school performance.

### **Old Business**

- No Fuss Fundraiser Update- Patty has a handout for the attendees. We are hoping to get it started asap.

- Bleachers Update-We are looking at a set that is 40'-50' wide. We will need to do some ground work and leveling before we can begin. The estimated amount may not be enough to complete the project. Due to the weather, the project may be pushed back to the spring.
- \$80,000 is the amount that we have budgeted for the project.

## **New Business**

- Presentation from Brett Ridgeway
- Brett said that he can't go out and advocate on his own accord and he has to be invited. He provides a copy of the flyer. He tells us that we have two mills (A and B). A is a fixed dollar about of 7.5 Million. B is a fixed rate. Since the approval of 3A, we have doubled in size and this would allow us to combine and make a lower rate for tax payers. He said that we have our homes and they have a certain property value. To the retail value an assessment value is placed on the home. Then there is an assessed value of 7.5% attached to the house. We are forecasting a lot of growth, and it would be very beneficial to attach the rate to the values of the homes.
- The language in the ballot, is very confusing, but it was written by lawyers.
- The rate would allow the funds to be an increased by \$500,000 each year.
- The intention is for the total bucket to increase therefore allowing the individual buckets to increase.
- The flyer is on the district website as well. It has FAQ's. The blue book (that the county send out) does not have good information.
- We talk about this should be an easy sell for the district.
- Amendment 73 questions- he did a presentation for the school board about this amendment. They have received a lot of pressure from several other boards (CASB). 1.6 billion dollars to increase funding to schools. \$800 million is outlined on how it will be spent, but they don't have a specific plan for the rest of the money. Brett said that it is not an equal amount of funding given to schools (32.5 mm) would be given to D49, despite that D49 has 2.8% of the state's students. This is really not enough of a fix for Gallagher. 48% in the nation in education but we are also 48% in the nation for property taxes. We need to fix the property tax. This is an income tax proposal rather that the property tax. If it does pass, we will gladly take the funds, but he will still work with the state legislation to work on the disparity. We are considered a bedroom community as we have mostly housing in our district. He talks about funding in the east coast and how they are about 10 times the amount in property taxes. He talks about the difference between constitution amendments and propositions. We have so many things that do not work together in our state for education. He talks about working with this committee that will work on school funding.

## **Teacher reports**

- 6th grade-WH just finished up North American. They just finished the projects that represented North American. They are doing presentations this week. LA is wrapping up their personal narratives. They are working on editing and revising. In Math, they are starting chapter 3 or ending chapter 3. They are adding fractions, integers, and one group that is finished. Her student teacher is working solo 4 for 4 weeks. In science, they are doing a chapter on weather and clouds.
- 7th grade-The big thing in Science is cancer projects. They are picking their topic and doing PowerPoint presentations. They will continue to study the human body specifically the skeletal system. They are finishing Egypt and going to Ancient Israel. In LA, they are reading the book the Outsiders. They are working on literary terms and synthesize responses. In Math, they are

doing fractions, graphing grouping expressions, they are working together to solve problems, identifying terms and circles and subtracting of integers. They are working on proportional relationships.

- 8th grade - They are starting there 3-week mystery horror suspense unit to include a Tell Tale Heart, The Haunted places in Colorado, in supported math, graphing, solving multi-step equations, Algebra- Linear Equations, Science- Newton laws, and in AH they are spread out- Working on a DBQ of Jamestown, and other two Causes of the American Revolution.
- Special Education-Finally have AIMS webs up and running and started testing before fall break. We have had some conflicts with Enrich, PowerSchool. Ms. Kuenn got a new math program and the kids really like it. Julie will be getting a new math curriculum. (Just do the Math). We are finally getting the transfer students. Working on doing re-evaluations. We have a new student that has a service dog and it is going well.
- Enrichments-
  - Drama- creating clue style mystery, and they are going to pair up with the Forensics class to investigate the crime. 7<sup>th</sup> grade- leaning how to do reader presentations, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is acting out the classroom rules from newscast to puppetry. Winter Musical- December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - SOAR- 6<sup>th</sup> grade- online video game creation unit, 7<sup>th</sup> grade is starting the how to survive a Zombie Apocalypse, 8<sup>th</sup> grade they are getting into their genetics unit. Making babies soon (flipping pennies)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir- is going to the symphony- Colorado Springs Philharmonic

Questions/Agenda items for next month

- Next meeting-Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Adjourn 6:38 pm