

**Skyview Middle School**  
**School Accountability Committee**  
**Meeting- November 2020 5:30 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting:**

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Welcome and Introductions (Pat Claman)

Amy Rogers (Parent), Rachel McPeck (6th), Desiree Streib (8th), Heather Wall (Enrich), Patty Gioscia (Admin), Matt Sission (Principal), Jason Huggins (7th), Rebecca Floyd (parent), Dave Rex (parent)

Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2020, Approved

Good Things to Report (Patty Gioscia)

- Des is not quarantine
- Heather is on her third round of quarantine
- Amy- gets a week off
- David Rex- building a deck

DAAC Report (David Rex)-

- Pedro talked about covid and other information. The elementary schools way overcrowded and we talked about safety.
- Also talked about getting the SAC Budget Priorities as well. Matt shares that until we receive the October count and funds, Matt will lock down the budget in order to do what is best for teachers and students. There are some things that are very important. Looking at a three-year model. Roughly 992 and were budgeted for 1100.
  - David said that this money is above and beyond what the building would normally spend. This is just a list of if we had extra money, what would the SAC like to spend money on. Patty to set up a meeting with David and Matt so that we can talk about spending.

Old Business- Reports

- Quarter 1 - results?

- We finished the 1st quarter with lots of changes. Teachers adapted to both in-person learning and e-learning. Now that teachers saw some kids, they can help students.
- Des is saying that she is learning a lot and she is adjusting to
- From a parent's perspective, he said that they did an amazing job. He likes it when we have partial in-person learning. All the teachers did a great job.
- Parent teacher conferences were done based on high need students.
- Des wants to use Magic 8 for all decisions.
- Amy said she really likes it when her son could come to class to experience Middle School.
- Matt- we are one of the only schools to create a modified schedule. It is better engagement for students and although they have more homework, they are able to maintain focus for the time that we have.
- PTSA Report (Ryan Sherman)
  - Canceled

## New Business

- Quarter 2 Plan
  - How did the transition to 100% eLearning go?
    - Jason - it wasn't our first go around so that experience prepared it. Overall we are seeing the engagement that we saw.
    - David- It went a lot smoother as the kids were already ready. His student has a week ahead of other students. He personally likes the 9 am thing. He is not cranky and he thinks it went smoother.
    - Rachel- Said that students are often sharing that their good news is they got to sleep.
    - Amy- they get up early but they can play xbox.
    - Rachel said that she agrees with Jason and engagement is higher. The teachers are streamlining the process to keep students engaged and learning new techniques to keep them engaged.
    - Rebecca- She said that her daughter has been there for one day. She said that her children are doing much better this time around as well. Very thankful that they got to see their teachers and other students. It is wonderful that they got to meet their teachers.

- Matt- Working to that 8-9 period. He said that they are allowing teachers to have the meeting then and catch up on parent emails etc, We started to have a conversation about the long-term component of this. It is good to hear the positive comments about this. If you hear from other parents that it is not successful, please encourage them to reach out to the school.
- Amy says that she appreciates the office hours that are offered on Friday.
  - Patty said we have always had that on Friday. We now officially advertised it this past learning time.
  - Jason said that it really is good for those students that need math help.
  - Rachel said that allowing students to access her on Friday. She sent specific invitations to students that had D's and F's.
  - Desiree- from a parent's perspective, she said it has been really good as well. Especially in math, she encourages her students to get on for help. She said from 2:30-3:00 kids just stay on and want to talk.
  - Heather- from enrichments they are not seeing a lot of students log in for office hours. There was a student who she worked with for an hour and a half to get caught up on missing assignments.
- What new lessons did we learn?
  - Rebecca said that the troubleshooting of things is really good. She has a daughter that gets really stressed but she knows that she can contact the teachers and they give students the grace to get it in later. It is so much better this time around.
- How does the UIP look now?
  - We are moving to a local accountability measure but we are still looking at a design to implement throughout the district.
  - Matt talks about local assessments and using Envisio. He is pushing for PTSA in the spring. We will have a second round of Star Assessments in December. CMAS continues to be a major influx. Peter had drafted something for all superintendent counsel to talk about state assessments.
- How did October Count Go?
  - We are lower in numbers than anticipated but so it every other school.

## Teacher and Principal Reports

- 6th Grade
  - Science just finished the weather unit and they are starting on climate. No Montserrat this year; Math they are wrapping up integers and moving into variables and ratios; SS working on Native Americans. They took permission to slow things down and are really enjoying this unit. LA is in several different places one team is working on Biographies and another team on short stories.
- 7th Grade
  - Science did a unit on cells and researched how cells are damaged. They are currently working on a cancer project. EH finished a unit on Africa and they will work on Ancient Greece and Rome; ELA- working on 3 Tier reading strategies and an upcoming research essay; Math- GL big unit on ratios and proportions, Advanced Math is working on linear equations. And moving on to systems of equations.
- 8th Grade
  - LA just finished the haunted places research paper, going into a lit term review for final in Dec.; Science just finished the astronomy unit and a team and half were able to visit the District planetarium at Skyview; American History- How to be an American 101, constitutional convention, drafting and debating the constitution. Moving from Valley Forge into the constitution. Math supported working on the laws of exponents, 8th Grade math working on multiple representations of linear functions and graphing lines and slope intercepts; Algebra is working on systems of linear equations.
- Special Education
- Electives
  - Spanish -had 8th graders made a meal that represented where they came from. Parents sent in pictures of the students cooking. Theater 7th-grade choreography and making a skit for music: 8th grades, learning how to insult and compliment Shakespeare style: 8th Digital Photography working on composition concepts and some of the students got to DSL cameras but they are back to cell phones; 6th-grade drama class learning how to be a character other than themselves; NJHS meets virtually once a week and

planning projects. Some projects are up in the air. SOAR 6th grade they got to play each other's video games that they created and offer feedback; 7th grade is in the middle of the zombie apocalypse; 8th grade just finished making their paper baby clones (genetic unit) and they are making their bridges in hopes that they can try them out on a Friday.

#### Zone Report (Dr. Pickering)

##### Questions:

- Are there Zone Level meetings in Power Zone like they do in the Sand Creek Zone? Matt asks if she can send Matt an email and he said that he is very interested in what the Sand Creek Zone is doing. Matt explains that with a district that is really big and we have partitioned it off into smaller areas. She comments that you do not find as much on the PowerZone site as you do in the other zone. Matt does have some other questions and would love to get her perspective.

##### Next Month:

- SAC Budget Priorities

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