



DAC Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/27/14, 6pm

Location: Central Middle School

DAC Delegates Present: SWECC, Paseo, AC Prep, Anderson, ACE, Title 1, Border Star

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Wolfsie, DAC Vice-Chair

- Welcomed everyone and invited everyone to introduce themselves and identify their school district affiliation

Quorum was established

Minutes for 5/27/14 and 8/25/14, approved

DACX- (presented by Daisy Price) motion to accept new process for submitting cards for Question and Answer session, approved

DAC Officer Report- (presented by Jennifer Wolfsie) discussed:

- Communications Committee process to get DAC Delegate listings from each school
- Encouraged use of DAC website

Guest Speaker- Dr Cynthia Johnson, Central Middle School (MS) Principal

- Welcomed all to Central MS and offered tour of building at end of DAC meeting
- Introduced John Williams, Principal elect for Central MS, previously 14 years in Georgia Public Schools
- Renovated Central MS has approximately 270 students, but has space for 600 and is currently enrolling 1-2 students per day. New enrollees are arriving from schools such as University Academy and Hogan Prep.
- Student body is divided into 3 collaborative groups and periodically have Town Hall meetings
- Building security system is state of the art
- Band instruments were recently received
- School has several clubs including Basketball, Cooking, and Hallmark Cards as examples
- State Consultant (PBIS) is going to assist teachers in re-culturing students to improve student behavior
- Middle Schools are fulfilling a call from District parents to move 7th and 8th grade students out of the High Schools

Guest Speaker- Ed Humble, Director of MGT Education Business Unit

Introduced by Shannon Jaax, AICP Director, Facilities Repurposing Initiative

- Facilities Master Plan being developed to increase enrollment and improved academics
- MGT contracted by KCPS to assist in the development of a Facilities Master Plan
- MGT will be identifying how to best use District resources and what programs the students need
- Mr. Humble encouraged everyone to assist in energizing the entire KCPS community to participate in their process which includes seven "Community Conversations" in the month of November, provided a handout with dates, times, and locations
- Public input will also involve Focus Group meetings with community and parent groups as identified



- Web based feedback will also be used
- A second phase of communication will involve presentation of a couple of possible plan scenarios to follow-up meetings with the KCPS community
- The last phase will be presentation of a plan recommendation to the Board of Education

Guest Speaker- Al Tunis, KCPS Chief Financial Officer

- Provided a handout regarding a City of Kansas City Ordinance proposal #140825, a Proposed Tax Incentive Policy Change and Benefits to KCPS
- This ordinance is being introduced by Mayor Sly James to the City Council to try and address the loss of property tax revenue due to tax incentives, these losses cause KCPS to lose funds needed for education
- In 2014, approximately \$25 million was diverted by such tax incentives of which a portion could have gone to KCPS
- Encouraged attendees to be a part of the discussion with the city, city hearing scheduled for Wednesday (10/29)

Old Business- None

New Business-

1. SACs are to submit SAC reports in advance of each DAC meeting- no motion, discussion only
2. KCPS RISE (Knoch and Talk) program initiated to: gather data about reasons students have left the District, build a relationship with community members visited including businesses, tell residents about the positives occurring within KCPS, and Insight Marketing will do a phone survey and focus groups in November and December- no motion, discussion only
3. Open Enrollment is coming up soon, DACX will look into proof of residency requirement, suggestion made to have SAC literature available for distribution during enrollment and to include club and sports information- no motion, discussion only
4. Request to have DACX follow-up on who is on each schools SIAC, Principals should have list of names by this Thursday (10/30)- no motion, discussion only
5. Review of this year's recent Parent Teacher Conferences, tabled till next meeting

Question and Answer Session-

1. What is being planned for the vacant school buildings? Ed Humble and his MGT group hope to help answer that question in their plan.
2. When will additional Reading Teachers be hired to help with students 2 years and more behind grade level? Pending increased District budget allocation.
3. Need to hold parents accountable for student behavior. (Comment only)
4. How will we know what the MGT group hears during the various community meetings? Ed Humble assured everyone that his group will document those findings and get it communicated out to all.

Meeting Adjourned

Post meeting tour of Central Middle School was given to several attendees