

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Foothill Elementary School Accountability Committee, Boulder Valley School District

Meeting held: Foothill Elementary Library on September 19th, 2017

The following SAC members participated and were present: Lisa Schuba (Principal), Francesca Gettleman, Dana James, Dana Kercheval (Community Rep.), Robin Miller (PTO), Nicole Rajpal (SAC Chair), Dayna Reed.

Call to Order and Introductions

Nicole Rajpal, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Principal's Report

- Staffing Report:
 - New staff include - 1 x Kindergarten, 2 x 4th grade and 1 x 5th grade teacher;
 - Also utilizing Friends School trainees and CU Teachers in Training
- Social Emotional Learning
 - 0.3 FTE School Counselor with a 3-phase implementation plan to increase to 0.5 FTE.
 - 2nd Step fully implemented with curriculum map and all parental information to be provided by Principal Schuba.
- Curriculum:
 - FOSS NextGen 2-year implementation phase starting this year.
 - BVSD to provide new Language Arts curriculum in January. Funds for the curricula are supported by the mill levy.
 - Advanced and compacted math seen as a priority for 2018-2020
- SLT Priorities for 2017/18: Continued focus & improvement with Grow Blocks; FOSS Kit Curriculum; MakerSpace Camp/Lab

Improving Teacher Attendance at SAC

Ideas discussed:

- Rotating calendar
- Tap into teachers logging fewer committee hours than others (Francesca will share Superior Elementary committee sign-up process)
- Consider changing day/time to allow for participation and appreciate work/life balance
- Conference calls
- Establish communication line via Google docs, teacher-leader meetings or grade-level prep time for specific questions and/or feedback

Parent Input Survey

As a SAC, we recognize that survey's are imperfect, and can lend themselves to more questions than answers. We would like to send a follow-up survey to the parents with specific questions/areas of concern. Ideally, the questions would come from teachers themselves. The following are noted areas from our discussion of the 2017 Parent Perception:

Noted Strengths

- Continuous Improvement
- Diversity
- Hiring Qualified Staff
- Students feeling safe & positive about the school
- Specific classroom practices - have SAC/Lisa/Teachers share what is working or going well in classroom at grade level meetings.

Areas in Need of Attention and/or Further Exploration

- Setting high and reasonable expectations/students learning at or above the level expected
- Receiving regular reports on academic progress
- Involving parents in conferences
- Managing Assets

Classroom Assignment Policy

Wording in current policy does not completely align with practice. Alternative versions of this policy were discussed, as well as alternatives to the parental form.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was formally adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Nicole Rajpal, SAC Chair