

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

Meeting held: Foothill Elementary Library on February 21st, 2017

The following SAC members and participants were present: Lisa Schuba (Principal), Laurel Reckert (Assistant Principal), Sophie Ramus (teacher), Nicole Rajpal (SAC Chair), Helene Rose, Dana James, Jessica Kramer, Emily Andrews (PTO President), Kim Bixel.

Call to Order and Introductions

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

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from January 17, 2017 were approved unanimously.

Homework Policy Group Work

Shared consensus, decision-making model: providing feedback, discussion and opinions on the questions regarding homework philosophy, practical applications and personal experiences.

Discussed highlights and ‘takeaways’ from assigned readings and research on the topic of homework.

Discussed personal homework philosophies and collected responses on what a Foothill homework policy might look like. These responses will be shared with SLT (School Leadership Team) and used to guide drafting of an overarching homework policy for Foothill.

DPC Meeting Update

Helene Rose – discussions with Jonathan Dings around state assessments and 3rd grade typing components: that the fact that the same test is provided to all 3rd grade students self-adjusts for any complications that typing might pose for test results.

Climate Survey Committee Report

- Laurel Reckert and Dana James – BVSDs new student survey focuses more on academic perseverance and less on safety and school environment type topics and questions than the former Culture and Climate survey did.
- The Climate Survey Committee believes it is important to continue using some of the past culture and climate questions, and add numerous Foothill -specific questions, to understand the impact of several initiatives accomplished over the past year that specifically targeted results from previous surveys. They believe it’s critical to get student’s perspective on these changes and their impact on student quality of life at school.
- Continuing to use questions from the surveys done by Foothill in recent years enables us to compare changes from year to year and thus the BVSD survey will be amended to include these questions for Foothill students.
- Ideally this Climate Survey will be given before PARCC testing begins.

Principal’s Report

Successfully revised Foothill testing schedule: condensing the timeframe to 2 weeks, with all grade levels test on the same day. This allows the testing process to be conducted quickly and more effectively for everyone involved. Principal Schuba will be hosting two informational open-forum meetings for parents to answer any questions, provide information and rationale for participating in testing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was formally adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kim Bixel, Secretary