

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 7, 2022

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Marion Clawson
Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)
Casey Drotar (Chair)
Chelle Ehlen
Alysa Webb

School Members:

Dr. Albert Wiggins (Principal)
Lory Hammers

Community Members:

Jan Rennie

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Casey in the library.

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves

2. Approve agenda

Agenda approved with addition of budget and discussion on how we can get more parent participation in SAC.

3. Approve minutes

January minutes approved.

4. Assistant Principal Update

Working with EDSL. Position will be reposted for next year. Possible long term substitute. Dr. Wiggins has reached out to staff who have their principal license to see if they can possibly help.

Parents would like to see a retired principal come in as the long term sub assistant principal.

5. More Parent Participation

We need to think about how we can get more parents to participate in our SAC meeting. Do we need to consider changing the name of the meeting? Would a different time work better?

Suggestion was made to reach out to teachers for possible parent contacts. We have volunteers to reach out and invite parents. Could also add something different in the Sabin newsletter to attract attention.

If you have any additional ideas please let Marion or Velvet know. We will be meeting with Dr. Wiggins about FIT Coach ideas next week.

6. 5 Essentials Survey

Students were originally scheduled to take the survey on one of the snow days. They will now take it on February 9.

We need parents to take the survey as well. Suggested that we explain why we need parents to take the survey.

Staff is currently taking the survey as well.

Dr. Wiggins will share percentage of each group that took the survey next month.

7. Budget

Middle schools are audited every other year. Sabin will not be audited this year.

The budget looks good.

Dr. Wiggins talked last month about some additional roll over funds that Sabin has. He will share what these funds will be used for as decisions are made. Some of the cafeteria tables need to be replaced because some are breaking.

The budget is attached.

8. Major Improvement Strategy #3 Attendance

Sabin currently has 665 students. The average attendance rate is 93.7%.

The average excused absences are 5.5 days per student.

The average unexcused absences are 4.12 days per student.

What is Sabin doing to address high absenteeism?

Families are being contacted when attendance is 80% and below. After 20 full days of absences a state verifiable document (Dr. note) needs to be provided for excuse.

9. Galileo Testing Data

654 students at Sabin when the Galileo tests occurred. There was 87% participation in Math and 82% participation in ELA. In math only 39% of students met growth. 61% didn't meet. In ELA 48% met growth and 52% met growth. Teachers should be looking at this data to inform instruction.

Sabin is piloting Eureka Math in one grade.

Sabin is planning a school wide benchmark such as AimsWeb to help place students next year.

10. GMP Bus problems

Parents are concerned about the inconsistency of the GMP bus to and from Sabin. Dr. Wiggins read an email from transportation about the route number changing. This was supposed to be distributed to GMP students riding the bus. The parents at the meeting had not heard anything.

11. Safety

Parents are concerned because there seems to be little supervision at drop off and pick up. Sabin currently does not have a security guard so they have been receiving support from other middle schools. Haven't seen as many staff at buses or outside helping. No one is directing traffic at crosswalk. Drivers aren't following posted signs. We are concerned for the safety of students.

12. Spring conferences

D11 does not have spring conferences. Parents can request a conference at any time with a teacher.

Next SAC meeting will be on: Monday, March 7, 2022, 6 – 7:30 pm in the library.

