

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee Webex Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 5, 2021

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew (Chair)
Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)
Matthew Cole
Casey Smith
Marion Clawson
Chelle Ehlen

School Members:

Jared Welch (Principal)
Bill Walker

Community Members:

Jan Rennie
Devra Ashby
Terry Seaman

The regular meeting was called to order by Neil in the Webex meeting at 6:00 pm.

1. Introductions

Devra Ashby, Public Information Officer for District 11 and Terry Seaman, Director of Facilities for District 11 are in attendance at this meeting to speak about the Facilities Master Plan and the Academic Master Plan.

2. Approve agenda

Agenda approved.

3. Approve the minutes from the March 1st SAC meeting

Minutes approved.

4. Facilities Master Plan (FMP) and Academic Master Plan (AMP) Update

The District wants to collaborate with the community to rebuild, reimagine, and rediscover District 11. It started with the Strategic Plan. Now the FMP and AMP are the plans working to make D11 the premier district of choice. The community has had opportunities to engage with these plans. See d11.org/rebuilding

The AMP will go to the school board for approval on April 21 after many community sessions.

The FMP is a phased plan. In the first phase Sabin will receive 4.7 million dollars in priority updates. High schools will receive CTE renovations, updates to auditoriums, track and field replacements, and priority updates.

The board is considering a \$350 million bond question for the November ballot. This is a no tax increase to extend the existing bond levy.

Only 20 -25 million dollars of the Mill Levy Override dollars is allocated to facilities upgrades and repairs. There is a backlog of over \$700 million of repairs. Deferred maintenance has continued to grow.

If bond does not pass then the district will continue with priority repairs as needed with the 20-25 million dollars from MLO funds. HVAC projects will be a priority. CTE renovations will also be high on the list.

The District is currently trying to make the community aware of what is happening. They are presenting internally, at chamber groups, and city groups, as well as HOAs. Friends of D11 will continue with outreach.

The AMP plans for next fall include:

1. Spark Online Academy for K-8
2. Dual Language Immersion at Rogers Elementary for Kindergarten and First grade
3. Busing for Montessori students on the west side of D11.

Any other questions can be directed to Mr. Welch or devra.ashby@d11.org

5. Sabin staff thoughts on AMP

Any changes at Sabin are not for next school year. The school is waiting to see what happens with boundary changes and enrollment changes. A Family and Consumer Science class is being added. Sabin has the opportunity for possible other magnet schools but hasn't had any discussion with the district. Sabin is unique because they have a full-time choir, band, and orchestra teachers so there is the possibility of a performing arts school.

6. SAC Training on Thursday, April 8

Topics include:

School Management System Update – there will be a new system next year. This will provide an update of plans for what we will see in the fall.

Summer Symposium – School Improvement Plans are due on October 15 of next school year. Schools will do analysis of data and planning for improvements for their plans next year.

Breakout sessions:

Family/Staff Wellness

Individual Career and Academic (ICAP) Plans

D11 Comprehensive Literacy Plan Update

This meeting is via Webex and is the last SAC training for this school year.

Marion asked if the training would be recorded. Velvet will find out if the training will be available to watch from the recording.

7. How is in-person learning going?

In-person learning is going well. There are more discipline issues as expected. There are just over 500 students at Sabin for in-person learning. About 140 students are on-line. The majority of teachers only have in-person or online students, not both. Some GMP classes are an exception to this.

Mr. Walker shared that his classes are going well in-person.

Some students are still struggling with turning assignments in. Families are tired just like teachers.

8. CMAS Testing Schedule

CMAS Testing will start on April 19th. Sixth and Eighth grade will be testing in math. Seventh grade will be testing in ELA. Eight grade will also be taking the science test. Students will be taking one test per day for three days in general. Families can opt in to the other tests if they wish.

Universal Screener testing will be happening in May.

9. Second Step SEL Curriculum

Second Step is being used in Advisory classes. Monday is Mission Day. The entire school is looking at character traits. Tuesday and Wednesday are Second Step lesson days. Thursday is academic help day and Friday is about building relationships (Fun Friday).

Second Step curriculum has received positive feedback from teachers. Advisory will still continue and be about relationship building.

Advisory groups changed some this year because of the need for cohorts. There may be changes next year as well.

10. 3rd Quarter Data

Because of COVID the testing schedule is different this year. There was no testing in the third quarter.

11. Elect new SAC Chair and Secretary

Neil will not be here next school year as his son is moving on to high school. Velvet is the DAC Chair and doesn't need to take on the chair role at Sabin as well. She agreed to be secretary again next year. Neil has information he would like to pass on to the next chair. Mr. Welch is willing to work with any parent willing to step up to chair the committee.

Casey said she would be willing to be the chair. We will hold any election needed next month. Any other parents interested would be welcome.

12. SAC Meeting Schedule for next year

Sabin meetings are usually on the first Monday of each month, except August and September. The proposal for the first meeting next school year would be on Monday, August 30, 2021 in the school library. This would be the August/September meeting. This was agreed upon for the first meeting.

13. School budget and finances

There has been more spending on PPE, on activities for the end of the year. Also, purchased some math manipulatives to support standards that we saw a need for on the Universal Screener test. Finally, the library is in the process of updating their collection.

See additional files for budget for this month.

Velvet suggested that we place budget files on the Sabin SAC website ahead of meeting so questions can be asked as needed.

14. Good News

Students are getting used to being back 5 days a week
Field trips are being considered by the District
Boys and Girls basketball is ending this week.
Clubs are continuing with good participation
Boys and Girls Track will happen
Musical is practicing, hopeful for performance.
Looking at possible performances for orchestra, band, and choir

15. Upcoming Events and Announcements.

Watch the weekly update from Mr. Welch for information about 8th grade celebrations.
Track starts April 12, 2021

16. Final SAC meeting of this school year will be on: Monday, May 3rd, 2021 , 6 – 7:30 pm.