

Sabin Middle School  
School Accountability Committee Webex Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 1, 2021

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew (Chair)  
Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)  
Matthew Cole  
Jane Tucker  
Kasey Smith  
Marion Clawson  
Chelle Ehlen

School Members:

Jared Welch (Principal)  
Catherine Elsey  
Becky Marsh  
Bill Walker

Community Members:

Jan Rennie

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

1. Introductions

No introductions were needed.

2. Approve agenda

Agenda approved.

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

Minutes approved.

4. Universal Screener Data

Average scale scores went up.

Highlight results from the universal screener.

6th math: standard RP.2 69.02% mastered, standard RP.3a 58.15% mastered

6th ELA: standard RL.6.3 61.35% mastered, standard RL6.5 62.15% mastered

7th ELA: standard RL7.2 60.85% mastered, standard RL7.4 67.92% mastered

7th math: standard NS.1a 53.85% mastered, standard SP.2 52.94% mastered

8th ELA: standard RI3.8 57.14% mastered, standard RI8.6 58.29% mastered

8th math: standard SP.1 58.6% mastered, standard SP.2 54.84% mastered

5. 5 Essentials Data Discussion

Student participation in the survey is 80%

Staff participation is 90%

Parent participation currently at 18%

The survey will be open until March 5 to allow school that are close to get more parent participation. A school was supposed to need 20% participation to receive results. We are close.

6. Student Return to 5 days a week

Email from Dr. Thomas and the school: " D11 Schools to open in – person, 5 – days per week. " This will commence at the start of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, March 10, 2021. The email was dated February 19, 2021. What has Sabin Middle School done to be prepared to host all the students again? Will the schedule include asynchronous Mondays? Or will we go back to the schedule before the pandemic where the

students did go to school 5 days a week, with a later start on Wednesdays for teachers to have their PLC time? What is in place to protect students' health?

Monday will be a 7 day period and the block schedule will continue for the rest of the week. No asynchronous days. Staff and students weighed in on what the schedule will look like for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The block schedule was chosen to continue because of less contact with adults for the majority of the week, transitions are limited, and this still allows students to have mask breaks. Teachers and students were split but majority came out for what was decided.

The same schedule needs to be doable for in-person and remote students. Masks still need to worn and managed. School will ensure distancing in the lunch room.

450 students have stated they will return for in-person learning 5 days a week. 150 students have not responded. There may be behavior challenges that we haven't seen earlier this year.

GMP teachers will be teaching both in-person and remote students.

Remote students need to encouraged to take a break when mask breaks are occurring at school.

#### 7. Vaccinations

A newspaper headline not long ago: "Vaccinating Teachers 'Messy' ". It said: Tens of thousands of Colorado educators have received their first COVID – 19 vaccine shot since eligibility opened February 8<sup>th</sup>. How is it going with the Sabin Middle School staff?

Sabin teacher vaccinations are going well. Many teachers won't have their second shot until after the return of students.

#### 8. GoGuardian Software

Teachers are using GoGuardian software to monitor what students are doing on their devices. Teachers can lock a student into a specific site. They can chat directly with students. The student has to address the chat message from the teacher.

Teachers can see when a student is struggling and help them. This tool is helping with engagement.

#### 9. West GMP Situation and how impacts Sabin GMP

Two of the GMP teachers at West left because of health concerns. Another teacher quit. This means the GMP at West is down to one teacher and 3 long term subs. Sabin GMP teachers have been supporting West teachers. Sabin tried to work with team at West to provide options for students but nothing worked. One option was to provide busing, the district didn't think this was feasible. Another was to have students log in remotely to Sabin classes. The schedules didn't match at the schools so this didn't work. Sabin GMP teachers have tried to support the teachers at West because we want the West GMP program to succeed. Sabin GMP is open for additional students.

The West issues will not affect Sabin GMP. There is a possibility for a Gifted Resource Teacher at Sabin to support students are not in the GMP next year.

#### 10. New Programs

What new programs/classes/clubs are coming to prepare kids for high school? We have noticed that some computer science in middle school could be done and allow more growth through high school. Is Sabin still on trend?

There will be more programs aligning with Career and Technical Education (CTE). Currently called Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Sabin currently has a Cyber Security Club. Drafting, designing, and computer programming.

In middle school electives are assigned. Students don't get to take all electives especially when you are in band or orchestra. Not all students can take computer classes.

#### 11. Black History Month

Did Sabin do anything for Black History month in February? Rev. Promise Lee wrote in a lengthy editorial in the newspaper a while back, which became a center piece for a Gazette newspaper editorial a few days later.

“ We have a dream – justice in education. Public schools are continuing to fail generations of Black and brown children. “ Do we feel Sabin is doing all it can to educate its minority children?

Historical and contemporary figures were highlighted every day. Teachers wove this history into classes.

March is Women's history month. Women will be highlighted each day in March.

#### 12. CMAS Testing

State legislators are tackling the controversial issue of CMAS assessments this spring. The state did not administer the CMAS tests last year because of the pandemic. The Federal Government must grant a waiver to the state to cancel tests in 2021. Testing is slated for April and May. How do we feel about CMAS testing this spring at Sabin?

Testing is still on. Testing will happen in April. A schedule is still in work. The participation rate has been waved for this year and School Performance Frameworks are on hold.

#### 13. Facilities Master Plan Community Engagement Meetings

Two items that that would impact Sabin were that HS and MS track and fields would be replaced and the number of Middle Schools would be reduced from 9 to 7. This is over a 10 year period of time. Any repairs or renovations planned for Sabin?

Priority repairs will take place at all schools. The Heating and cooling system needs repairs here at Sabin. Flooring will continued to be replaced. With the closing of middle schools there may be an increase in students at Sabin.

#### 14. USIP Adjustments

USIP is due to CDE by April 15. Sabin is still working on best first instruction and culture. Attendance has been a big push this year.

#### 15. School budget and finances

A lot fewer copies are being used this year.

Water bottle filling stations are slowly getting installed.

Have been able to purchase more subscription services and apps this year.  
See additional files for budget for this month.

16. Good News

Students returning 5 days a week!

5<sup>th</sup> grade Virtual Open House happened last week

8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration options being considered

Field trips are being considered by the District

Volleyball was able to have a 3 week season. Matches were streamed online.

Basketball tryouts week of March 8.

Pokemon Club started

Boys and Girls Track will happen

No wrestling this year.

Science club, Drama club, Sabin Singers Club, Battle of the Books and Bark Squad happening

17. Upcoming Events and Announcements.

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ends March 5.

No school – teacher work days on Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9

5 days a week school beginning on March 10.

Spring Break – March 22-26

18. Next SAC meeting via Webex: Monday, March 1st, 6 – 7:30 pm.