

Sabin Middle School  
School Accountability Committee Webex Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 4, 2021

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Marion Clawson  
Neil Pettigrew (Chair)  
Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)  
Jane Tucker

School Members:

Jared Welch (Principal)  
Bill Walker

Community Members:

Jan Rennie

8 people total, one unknown.

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

1. Introductions

No introductions needed.

2. Approve agenda

Agenda approved.

3. Approve the minutes from the December 7<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting

Minutes approved.

4. Grades

How did the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester grades this year compare to previous years?

Grades are going to be completed tomorrow, 1/5. They should be available to students on 1/7. There was an improvement at the end of the semester. Students tried to complete assignments and get caught up. We can look more closely at grades next meeting. It is anticipated that grades will be lower but we are hoping the grades will be better than end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Work has been done to reach out to families and to students struggling with grades and/or attendance issues. Reach outs have been done via phone calls and home visits.

What lessons have we learned this past semester that we can apply to the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to improve attendance and student performance? Teachers and staff are continuing on working on improvements for this semester. Teachers are continuing to do what worked last semester and are sharing ideas. Students need frequent contact and reasons to engage. Teachers had a professional development day on January 4. They have a work day on January 5.

Truancy is happening this year. Our School Resource Officer (SRO) is making home visits. Ten or more days missing is considered truant.

5. On-line start to semester

A headline in the December 17<sup>th</sup> newspaper read: "D-11 to begin second semester on line".

On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, students are back in school via remote learning. On Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the school is back on a hybrid learning schedule – two days in class and two days remote learning each week. Mondays remain asynchronous learning days. Should we assume students' routines will remain the same as they got used to in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester?

Students hybrid schedule and routines will be similar to the first semester. We can expect the hybrid schedule for the third quarter. Students will be back to same hybrid schedule as before Thanksgiving. There is a group of students that are online all the time. There are teachers for online only students. The other two groups of students are hybrid students. The hybrid groups have teachers who are teaching in person and online students.

Communication will be going out to families to select only online or hybrid in the next week and a half. The school requests that you make a decision for the quarter.

Exploratory classes will change for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They are trying to be flexible and creative. Options for exploratory classes are limited. Several exploratory teachers are online only. One class they are offering is Health and Nutrition class for 7<sup>th</sup> graders taught by a science teacher. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter schedules will be available January 5 on line. Students can get help during Advisory with new schedule.

Grades will be out on Wednesday, January 6.

#### 6. Enrollment Drop

In the same paper, another headline read: "School districts will lose millions due to pandemic enrollment drop". D-11 had the largest drop in students from last year: 2,155.

What was Sabin's drop from last year? In calling parents this fall, are there any reasons given for the drop? The district expects to see a \$3.4 million loss in funding. Will this affect any funding for Sabin in this current year? How might this affect Sabin's funding for next school year? Might Sabin lose teachers or other staff?

Biggest enrollment drop was at Kindergarten. Sabin is down 80 students from projection. More homeschoolers this year. Are we going to reach out to homeschooling families to offer support? Will D11 schools be reaching out to try to recover some of the students we lost?

Survey for D11 online school went out to parents today. They are not sure what grades the online school will open with. Parents that don't have an interest in the online school found the survey frustrating. They asked early about interest and still expected answers to questions even when no interest was expressed.

District is still working on staffing projections for next year. Staff has some concerns about staffing losses for next year. Haven't seen any retirement requests yet. We will continue to get updates on this.

As a side note, Falcon appears to have assumed the title of 2<sup>nd</sup> largest school district in the Pikes Peak area, over taking D-11 by just shy of 100 students. D49 area is growing, more neighborhoods and new housing. GOAL Academy (online school) may also have seen growth) because of known online school option.

#### 7. Meals

In January, during the time of remote learning, sack lunches be available in front of the school from 11 am – 12:30 pm daily. Free meals to everyone in-person.

#### 8. SAC Training

SAC Training will be on January 28, 2021, a Thursday, from 6 – 8 pm on WebEx. Schedule to be announced later this week.

9. Universal Screener

Test for grades 6 – 8 is scheduled sometime between January 11 – 29, 2021.

Students in hybrid will take the test at school. Online students will take it at home.

10. High School Choices

In December, there was a remote tour available of Palmer High School. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, how will paperwork get completed for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to choose the high school they want to go to next school year?

Doherty Virtual Open House is January 21, In-person is January 28. Doherty website has more info.

Palmer preview is available at the Palmer website.

Mitchell should be having an open house as well.

Look for information coming from high schools.

The Choice window for schools is open right now. The choice application is available online.

Sabin parent night for GMP is next week. Planning 5<sup>th</sup> grade info nights and possibly going to feeder elementary schools.

Academic Master Plan and Facilities Master Plan input. Watch for information in the next couple of months.

11. Review/discuss school budget alignment with USIP goals and identify school funding short falls.

Sabin focus is currently on attendance and course completion. Not as much spending this year from budget.

Before pandemic, focus has been on new standards. Incorporating literacy into all subject areas. The new standards work will come back to priority. Focus on providing good quality instruction.

Comprehending texts.

Focus in math on working at grade level.

12. Review results of available performance monitoring data and compare to USIP targets.

Look at data in February.

13. School budget and finances

No questions on our school budget and finances from the handout last month.

Plenty of money.

See additional file for budget for this month.

14. Good News

- Anonymous donor in honor of Marie Sullivan, former Science teacher at Sabin. She recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The money will be used to support science and students in need, field trips, etc..
- Sports pushed off until February with condensed seasons.
- More clubs this semester.

- Question about the stipends for clubs. Will money roll over to next year?

15. Upcoming Events and Announcements.

- 5 Essentials survey in February
- Performing Arts looking into ways to share performances.
- Looking at ways to recognize students.
  - Academic Awards night (probably done virtually)
  - Recognize Sabin Stars
  - Bring students into community.
- High School Open houses coming up

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