

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee Webex Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 2, 2020

Attendance:

Parent Members:

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

School Members:

Jared Welch (Principal)
Bill Walker (Teacher)

Community Members:

Jan Rennie

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

1. Introductions

No introductions were necessary.

2. Approve agenda

Agenda approved.

3. Approve the minutes from the October 5th SAC meeting

Minutes approved.

4. SAC Training

Second SAC Training is happening on Thursday, November 5, from 6-8 via Webex.

Topics will include:

Staffing challenges

New Prototype Model for USIP

Breakout sessions (choose 1)

 READ Act

 Trauma Informed Care (Family Learning Institute)

 Update on Security Personnel in MS and HS

Please plan to attend if possible.

5. Hybrid Learning Schedule & Learning

The hybrid schedule is working but it is challenging for students and teachers. When classes are remote cameras need to be on. Engagement of students is difficult on-line. In-person learning is going well.

Because of the rise in COVID cases the hybrid schedule is expected through the end of this semester. It will probably continue on into the third quarter.

Overall, grades are not as good as normal. We do have more D's and F's. This is happening at all middle schools, not just Sabin. Accountability is a struggle. One parent commented that possibly students need shorter deadlines. Middle schoolers need structure and this hybrid/remote environment doesn't always have enough structure.

Remote PE students are doing attendance and warmups with class and then they are expected to do 30 minutes of exercise a day. PE classes are going outside as much as they can.

6. 5 Essentials & Universal Screener Data

75% of students took the universal screener at the beginning of the year. Everyone took the test from home. Staff did a lot of work calling families to get the 75% participation rate. The tests showed there is a lot of work to do this year especially in math. Sabin's scores were similar to the other D11 middle schools. We hope to see growth after the next test in the winter. The results for the ELA and Math Universal Screener Data are included as attachment A & B.

Last year, students and teachers took the 5 Essential survey. 78% of teachers responded, 87% of students responded. The 5 essentials are Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Ambitious Instruction, Supportive Environment, Involved Families. Sabin scored Weak in the first 3 essentials and very weak in the last two.

Based on the survey results, Sabin is focusing on ambitious instruction and on student voice and choice. They will be working on academic press and encouraging students to do their best. They will be presented with grade level problems and text. The hope is to have students take ownership in their learning. Webex is challenging at times to have meaningful discussions.

Parents will be taking the 5 Essentials survey this year to add a parent voice.

7. Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences were open all week. All conferences were via Microsoft teams and appointments had to be made. Some parents felt rushed with only 15 minutes to talk to all the core classes. Some found scheduling challenging. There were some virtual challenges but overall conferences seemed to go well.

8. MTSS and SEL success/challenges

The District is providing the tool Hoonuit to be able to access data that teachers need to provide support for students. Grade level teams meet every Monday to discuss about how to support students. This includes struggling students and excelling students.

Tutoring is now available both virtually and in-person. There is also a tutoring page in Schoology. Hopefully the number of students getting help will pick up as it continues. Teachers can recommend a student attend or any student can come for help. They are also looking at other ways to support students on-line.

9. School's Focus on Parent Strategies for student support

More parents have attended classes this year in this remote environment. Parents have access to Schoology. Parents have access to Parent Connect. Sabin is providing tech support as needed.

10. School budget and finances

The school received additional funding because of COVID. The budget is in good shape currently. The budget is attached as a separate document.

11. Upcoming events and announcements

Virtual Veteran's Day Celebration
Spirit Days coming up

WEB Leaders want to be more involved in helping 6th graders. Plans are in the works for this.

D11 Listening Tours, check out the main D11 web page.

12. Good News

Sabin's school nurse has done a fabulous job working with families. Students are doing a good job wearing masks at school.

Some virtual clubs are happening. This includes Science Olympiad, Drama Club, and BARK Squad

Tutoring has started!

Kudos to the GMP staff. One parent shared how much her son is enjoying school this year even during these difficult times. Thank you Sabin teachers!

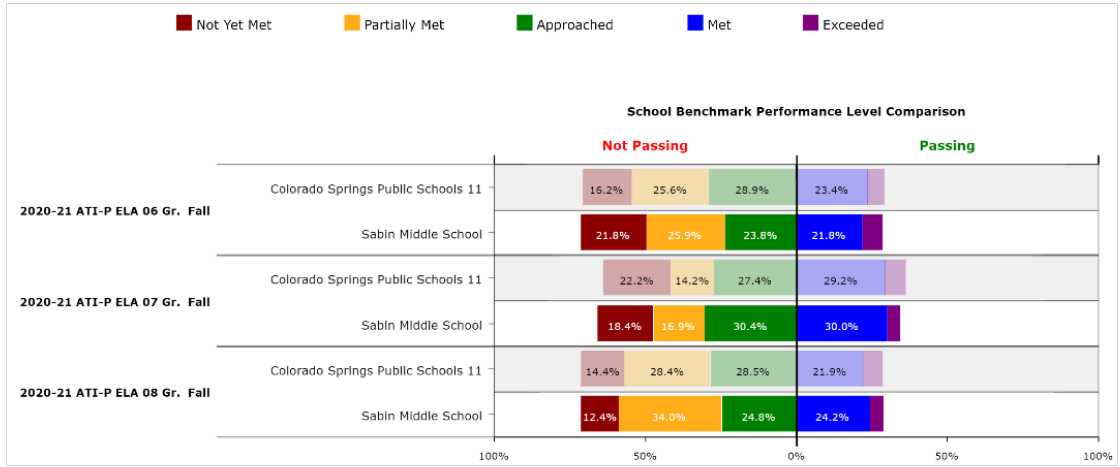
Marie Sullivan, a former Sabin teacher, celebrated her 90th birthday.

13. Questions

All students are getting breakfast and lunch free. How do we know the FRL statistics this year? Are the statistics for Free & Reduced lunch based on what was known in the past?

14. Next SAC meeting via Webex: Monday, December 7th, 6 – 7:30 pm.

Attachment A



Attachment B

