

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC)
2/4/19

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew (Chair)

Chris Rucker

Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)

Steve Stepp

Suzanne Warmington

School Members:

Jared Welch (principal)

Community Members:

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

1) Introductions

With the small number no introductions were needed.

2) Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3) Approve Minutes from January 7

Minutes were approved.

4) Reflections on SAC Training on January 31

These are the topics discussed at the training:

- a. Dr. Michael J. Thomas's strategic plan scope, processes, and initial results
- b. Dr. Demi – Smith: key findings and recommendations from the demographic study
- c. Session 1 recommendations and what can SACs do at the school level
Challenges – older buildings, perceptions

Neil and Velvet both attended the SAC Training. Dr. Thomas presented the findings from an employee survey. He showed us how from the survey our district is currently out of alignment in many areas. Input from this survey, the World Café sessions, and parent survey, as well as the demographic study will be used to help the district define a strategic plan.

In our meeting we discussed some of the results from the demographic study. District 11 is losing many students to charter schools, other districts, and homeschooling. We are now in a choice culture. Parents can choose to send their students to any school. We have to start marketing our school at the school level. We need parents to spread the word about what they like about our school. We need to do positive reviews on-line to boost what is good at our school.

The Gifted Magnet Program (GMP) does an open house. We need to do this for the entire school. There are great things happening at Sabin. What is shared on the website and social media is helpful. Parents and staff need to work together to market Sabin.

We hope there will be help from the district level to help individual schools market.

5) Updates on USIP

Student Culture

More staff are in the halls to try to improve the behavior during passing periods. Behavior has improved but this is always a problem time. Students want to run and touch each other. It is being worked.

There was some concern expressed from students through their parents about how substitute teachers are being treated. This led to a discussion about student discipline. Sabin uses a progressive discipline model. Students can be behaved out of the classroom to a timeout room. The next level is in-school detention, suspension, and expulsion. The school needs parental support to help with some students. Behavioral plans are used in some cases. With Capturing Kids Hearts (CKH) it is reinforced that each student is responsible for their own behavior. They need to learn to self-manage.

We discussed some about peer counseling. In CKH classes rate the class at the end of the class. The class then talks about ways the class behavior was what it should be or could be improved.

We will be talking more about behavior in coming months.

6) Enrollment at Sabin

Enrollment at Sabin is down from last year. Jenkins enrollment is also down. More students permitted out than permitted in this year. You can find information about demographics and achievement on the Sabin website under About Us – Student Demographics and Achievement

7) Lunch and outside time handling

Steve Stepp had brought up concern about there not being enough time to eat lunch and be able to blow off steam outside. Students need time to reset. Mr. Welch said the master schedule is being discussed. What can be done to change it and encourage more movement. The school is looking at what is being offered in classes. Also, what is being done in classes.

We want students to be engaged in their learning. Personalized learning is the foundation for success. The curriculum is what is taught not how it is taught. More movement should be encouraged (maybe there will be less running in the halls).

8) School Budget and Finances

There were no specific questions about the budget. A comment was made that some of the negative numbers in accounts were finally caught up. No negative numbers.

9) Good News

- There are plans for an intramural soccer team depending on interest.
- Award nights happened.
- 5th grade visitations some visits have occurred more will be happening.
- Pikes Peak Honor Orchestra – Sabin had four students who tried out and made it.
- All State Choir – Sabin had eleven students that made it.
- Boys B-Squad basketball is undefeated

- Boys A-Squad basketball is working hard.
- Neil has been doing observations for the Positive Action program. He reported that his observations at Sabin have been showing good progress with the curriculum.

10) Upcoming School Events

Be sure and look at the school calendar on the website. Mrs. West does a great job of keeping it updated with clubs, sporting events, and concerts.

- Large Group Contests are coming up for Band, Orchestra, and Choir
- 8th grade panoramic picture was taken on 2/8

11) Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th, 2019