York Meeting Agenda

# School Advisory & Accountability Committee

Wednesday, October 6 (5:00-6:00)

## SAAC Purpose:

The SAAC at York International takes pride in working collaboratively with families, students, teachers and administration to inform future planning, problem solve, and work on continuous improvement.

**Committee Norms:**

1. **Expectations -** Assume positive intent that all decisions are being made in what's best for students. Focus on a solution-oriented mindset to make actionable decisions; above all else **show respect**.
2. **Time:** Purposeful use of time:
   a. Start and end on time
   b. Stick to an agenda
   c. We will use our time purposefully by collaboratively identifying high priority and meaningful topics.
3. **Participation**: Respectfully engage in each meeting honoring opportunities to take risks, disagree, and hear all voices.
4. **Listening:** We will assume positive intent while actively listening and will remain open-minded to new ideas and perspectives, mindful of the K-12 lens.

**Today's Meeting Objectives:**

- York Celebrations!
- York Communication Tools
- Academic Support at Home
  - MAP assessment data + goals
  - CANVAS lesson plans
- School Tour!
  - Conferences (Oct. 13 & 14)
  - In Person!
- Open Forum

VISION

As an International Baccalaureate School, the York International Community firmly believes that through each educator's unyielding commitment to academic excellence and personal growth, **all students will be empowered to lead purposeful lives.**

MISSION

In partnership with the community and families, York International commits to:

- Fostering the unique potential of every child.
- Ensuring that all students are challenged and supported in their pursuit of academic success.
- Implementing engaging, rigorous instruction.
- Building on a foundation of meaningful relationships and joy in learning.

| Time | Topic | Details | Notes |
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| 5:00 – 5:10 | York Celebrations | • Gary Institute Tutoring Program K-7 after school on Mon./Tues/Thurs. for 10-week sessions in fall and spring.<br>• More 21st CCLC programs/clubs than ever before.<br>• Spirit Week has been a huge success K-12.<br>• Student Council is up and running for Elementary / Middle / High School.<br>• Teachers are working extremely hard and very committed to the academic goals this year.<br>• Students are giving a high level of effort with the increased level of assessments ongoing at York. | • Next steps with tutoring will be to increase number of students involved.<br>• STUCO groups are planning Mustang Mile / Halloween festivities for end of Oct. |

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| 5:10 – 5:20 | York Communication Tools / Feedback | **Teacher to Parent Communication Comments**:<br>• "I don't feel that teachers are communicating regularly"<br>• "I like the text messages alerting us that an email is coming"<br>• "I do not receive messages from teachers. I periodically get an email or phone call. My kids are the not the greatest messengers. Would like more updates from elementary teachers."<br>• "For our 1st grader classwide communication is great, but I've never heard from her individually without me contacting her first."<br>• For our middle schooler I've heard from one teacher without me contacting them first. No classwide communication to parents from teachers. "<br>• "Teachers have not responded to my messages regarding attendance tracking."<br>• "I would love to receive like a weekly happenings in my child's classroom"<br>• "I haven't gotten any communication from MS teachers. I do not have access to her IC. I do not know and of her teachers and look forward to meeting them."<br>• "Some of our teachers sent welcome emails and seem positive with communication which I love. Others I haven't gotten anything at all which makes me feel they don't want to communicate."<br><br>**Whole School Parent Communication Comments**<br>• "Mr. Schneider's communication tool is good! Keep it up."<br>• "I do receive the notices, but there is a delay between the text and email. I do like getting the text to check email."<br>• "I would like to hear from the school more regularly about events, testing, district events, clubs, etc."<br>• "Alerts to parents about security threats or rumors can help parents correct students at home regarding misinformation."<br>• "It would be helpful if attendance robocalls would identify classes missed for HS students."<br>• "I would love more information in school wide things going on. Any and everything. Maybe like weekly newsletters or videos on the website."<br>• "Too much text and email communication. Have received 4 separate messages in a single day (general, not emergency).<br>• "Recommend sharing all SAAC meeting minutes with all parents."<br>• "New parent information would help out."<br>• "Lockouts/downs send emails when it is happening not at end of day. Also more information available for all security/protocol within the district." | • This is wonderful feedback!<br>• Looking into possible next steps of surveying the whole school for more feedback regarding communication. |

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| 5:20 - 5:45 | Academic Support at Home | **Fall 2021 MAP data**<br>• Showing that generally students are behind academically and we have a lot of work ahead to support them getting caught back up to grade level progress.<br>• York's Academic Focus areas for the year:<br>o Implementation of Coaching Cycles to Ensure Alignment of Standards and Curriculum<br>o Data Systems and Structures K-12<br>o Effective Lesson Planning and Preparation K-12<br><br>**CANVAS Lesson Plans**<br>• Teacher expectation is to have weekly lesson plans posted each Monday.<br>• These plans will outline the Learning Target for the class, standard covered, and major activities/assignments. | • Will need support from parents with testing out the goal of logging into a student's CANVAS page to view weekly lesson plans before pushing it out to the whole school. |
| 5:45 – 6:00 | School Tour for Conferences | • Parents are excited to enter York for conferences on Wednesday 10/13 and Thursday 10/14. | • Looking forward to hosting a fun and welcoming event. |

| **Action Steps before Next Meeting:** | **November Meeting Agenda Topics:** |
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| • Testing out parent's ability to view CANVAS lesson plans. (See instructions below!) | • Preparations for Quarter 2 Interim Benchmark Assessments.<br>• Supporting secondary students in earning credit for end of semester II.<br>• Open forum. |

**Parent instructions to view CANVAS weekly lesson plans**:

1. Visit the following website - https://www.mapleton.us/Page/5444
    a. Watch the 1-2 minute videos in order:
        i. *"What is CANVAS"*
        ii. *"Generating Paring Codes"*
        iii. *"Parent Guide Accessing CANVAS"*
        iv. *"Parent CANVAS Guide Download"*
        v. *"Parent Guide Generating Paring Codes"*
2. Click on the "Parent" icon.
3. Begin the process of logging into CANVAS!

Once you have successfully logged into CANVAS please look for your student's "Weekly Calendar", "Schedule", etc. that will outline the lesson plans for the week.

If you have any questions or need student log in information please call the main office at (303) 853-1601.

Please bring any feedback to the November SAAC meeting or email Mr. Van Etten directly.