

September SCN Meeting Minutes
10/17/23 at 11:30 am

Welcome/Introductions- 12 attendees

- Tiger Launch Feedback

- A little more time or different days would be nice to accommodate multiple schools
- Stilwell had no one to greet and point people in the direction they need to go
- it's a big event for a parent group to plan. Help from building admins/staff would be nice
- IH had a lot of support from admins
- Paper maps of the school is nice
- Finding more short term translators during tours would be nice

- Dr. Adams Update

- Board approved contract Monday to work with a company to draft a new strategic plan. 12/13, 12/19, 12/21 will start putting together focus groups with around 30 people. Elementary schools will need 10 parents. Jr high and high school will need 15 people each. 12/18-12/19 is open to the community. The District has a strategic plan but hasn't been looked at for at least 12 years. Most districts look at it every 5-8 years. Hoping to have the new plan Board approved in May. It's time to recalibrate what the district wants in the future. The plan will be a living document.
- Hearing from staff and principals that hiring assistant principals has been a game changer. Principals have had more time to be in plc meetings and in classrooms.
- Civility in the organization- how students are being welcomed to school, how adults interact with students, students interact with other students, and how adults interact with other adults
- Wants to focus on student groups this year. Last year was parent groups. Wants to hear what 7-12 grade students experience has been.
- Top three focuses this year: working on civility in the organization, literacy, and behavior.
- Will need help in the spring to realign the District budget

- Q&A

- In the past, SCN was run by admin and had presenters from different areas of the District. Was nice to hear what was going on in the District. This year it is run by parent groups. It would be nice to have the District more involved again to feel connected. Maybe have one speaker present no more than 30 min.
- Where did the money come from for hiring assistant principals when the budget had a lot of cut? District should always have constant conversations on what will create leverage in the budget. The Board would have deficit spent this last year. Start counting students October 1 and has to be certified by 10/15. This is related to how much funding the District gets. It is down 40 students this year. 131 students are in private schools. Approx. 50 students are new to transfer.

Parent Group Feedback

- Hillside just had a night at the zoo and had over 1,000 people attend.
- Stilwell records their parent meetings
- Clive Learning holds quarterly meetings virtually and teachers are required to attend one during the year
- Can reach out to teachers and see which parents would be helpful
- Fairmeadows is going to combine open gym during parent group meetings. Will use Silvercord students to oversee games.
- Do groups have reserve funds and why keep it. Westridge and Crossroads have reserves in case of off years in fundraising
- Fairmeadows did a Slimefest and had food for sale. Had a really good turnout.
- Crossroads had a fun run and use [Getmovingfundhub.com](https://www.getmovingfundhub.com)
- Email scam is going around asking people to buy gift cards for parent groups

Nov. 21 is the next meeting and will be virtual. Will learn about the budget.

Adjourn at 1:03 pm