

## SCC Notes 3/28/2024

Attendees: Frances Battle, Lamar Spotted Elk, Willow Amendola-Francis, Camala Richard, Hope Jenkinson, Alexander Hyres, Rielly Butler, Kelli Neuteboom

### Notes:

- February minutes were approved.
- SCC chairs have a meeting on April 22, and we will have feedback at the next meeting.
- Landtrust- Using for partial pay of science teacher and a para-professional, mostly likely for computer lab, at a total cost of approximately \$52,000. All the parents in attendance approved and the emails are going out to those not in attendance for approval.
- DLI/Staffing- We will have 7 new teachers next year for the incoming programs. We will also have around 100 new students in those programs. Fran met with new admin and district leaders on 3/29/24. There may be significant changes to the middle school CTE such as different classes instead of Home Ec.
- Start and end times- the district is mandating that next year all elementary and middle schools start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. M-TH with short days 8:00-1:30. This is 30 minutes more per week than our current schedule. Teachers and SLEA are in discussions about this since it violates the written agreement which states that school SICs are to create start and end times for their own building. The parents in the meeting voiced some frustration that there is a lack of communication from the district to parents about all the residual effects of the closing of the 4 elementary schools and feel they are being left out of the loop. They also brought up that they do not like the time change and reference the districts own research and studies about the benefits of later start time. In the survey data, it states that 62% of middle school parents and 68% of elementary school parents do not want earlier start times. It feels as if the time change decision is being made for the convenience of busing, not what's best for students. They also are concerned about decisions being made by the district without parental feedback.
- Dignity Index- April 11<sup>th</sup>, we are the first district to adopt this.
- Staffing- The plan is to keep staffing as close to what we have now as possible. One of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers has resigned to pursue other

avenues and will be replaced with a long-term sub for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Battle met with the class and let them know and sent out emails to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

- Test scores- Improving in some areas, declining in others. Looking at patterns over time. (New principal, Keslie Green, is data driven.) Schools are changing- demographics, student interests, more apathy, more newcomers speaking little to no English.
- PTO- Looking at new options for next family night. The last few have not been well attended. May we have the talent show, BBQ, and grandparent's day. Some of the incoming parents are expressing interest in joining PTO.
- Testing starts after spring break, which is next week.
- Community board is being developed- updates are coming soon.
- Willow- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> classes are having Planned Parenthood coming in to talk about healthy relationships. Voices of America is currently doing Life Skills lessons with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks. 15 social and grief groups are currently going on. Hope week will be in April- focuses on mental health and suicide prevention.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 3:45 p.m. on Zoom