

School Accountability Committee Report

September 14, 2020

The Lincoln Academy School Accountability Committee is responsible for gathering input from and sharing information with our families on important topics such as school safety, instruction, and topics related to school climate and culture.

I. Schedule

The 2020-2021 SAC schedule is TBD dependent on existing members availability.
Normal schedule would be Tuesday evenings not to conflict with PTO meetings.
We will be holding one meeting per trimester minimum. Subcommittee will be additional.

II. Membership

SAC needs more parent members specifically. Once we confirm which members will be returning, we will request a Lincoln Loop and social media announcement.

III. Historic Tasks

The past primary goals of the SAC were to write, distribute and analyze the Family Survey distributed in February.

- Normal schedule:
Survey completed by sac in dec
Survey approved by board at January meeting
Survey released mid-Feb to coincide with teacher conferences.
Recommend delay of one month.
- Recommendation to delay release this year until March
Results will be available later but will include more of the year
This will also allow SAC to take more of the year into account in creating questions.
Otherwise, the survey needs to be in near final form prior to Christmas break. This may not allow for consideration of cohort/learning mode changes that could take place in early December.

IV. Pending Responsibilities

Back to Learning Advisory Group

SAC will be embracing a new responsibility of collecting timely family feedback regarding in-person and remote learning modes for the teachers, Administration, and Board. Administration has requested a subcommittee around this purpose.

- Subcommittee (Back-to-Learning Advisory Group) Goals:
Provide an identified avenue for family feedback to centralize comments across the school.
Solicit family feedback regarding learning modes.

Provide timely reporting to teachers, Remote Learning Coordinators, Administration and Board.
Subcommittee would also analyze trends in family feedback to identify key areas of focus for administration.
Consolidate feedback so that information is readily shared between stakeholders.
Reduce volume of emails for teachers/admin by providing publicized avenue for feedback.

- Suggested means of soliciting feedback:

Meetings:

Post in Lincoln Loop regarding Back to Learning Advisory Group meetings. Helpful to have designated members, all attendees welcome. Meetings would be Zoom.

Meetings would be bi-weekly and address both Remote and In-Person

Survey Monkey (could have some form for in-person via Loop?)

Weekly SIMPLE, open-ended questionnaire for remote families.

SAMPLE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RemoteLearningCheckIn>
"Remote Learning Weekly Check-in"

What worked well this week? Were there successes you want us to know about?

What were your or your student's struggles this week?

What are your current concerns regarding remote learning?

Would you like to leave your name and number if your specific concern can be addressed by a member of the Back to Learning Advisory group?

Teachers will be receiving this feedback. However, you should still contact your teacher or Remote Learning Coordinator if you need immediate assistance.

Feedback would be collected via Survey Monkey links specific to each grade k-8

Results would be provided by Monday morning for admin, teachers and RLC to use as needed.

Results would be provided to Advisory Group members prior to Advisory Group meetings, along with any response that has come from teachers or administration in the interim.

Advisory Group would discuss comparisons between grades to find what is working and what needs attention. Can grade level approaches that succeed be replicated?

Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee

In light of the most recent high-profile societal struggles around Race and Inclusion, SAC would like to revisit the status of the committee as a Staff Committee and find a way to incorporate staff and families. While a high priority, this needs discussion with administration prior to any changes.