



SAC Minutes

December 7, 2021 6:30pm

Virtual Teams meeting

The Mission of Lincoln Academy is to help students attain their highest social and academic potential through an academically rigorous, content-rich education in a safe, orderly, and caring environment.

The Vision of Lincoln Academy is to prepare all students for their future endeavors by providing a comprehensive Core Knowledge Education.

I. Attendance- Members: Dawn Bennett, Rebecca Furst, Shannon Gantenbien, David Schoenhals, Sarah Wasinger, Gordon Wu. Guest: Jeff Baucum, Board Treasurer
Excused: Kren Dwyer, Kristi Geisz, Ami Paulsen

II. Finance presentation from Jeff Baucum, Board Treasurer

- a. Primary Income: Per Pupil Revenue from the State. Recent increases have been helpful to the bottom line. Funds are allocated based on the October 1 student count.
- b. Primary expense: Salaries and benefits. Priority is to put the investment into our teachers who are the ones who help our students grow.
- c. Enrollment numbers are lower this year than anticipated.
- d. Budget planning will include looking at how our FTEs are used and allocated to best support students.

III. Surveys

- a. Family Survey for January.
 - i. Ready to submit for Board approval? (Yes)
 - ii. New title to differentiate it from the class specific/teacher specific one in February (Family-School Relationship Survey)
- b. Teacher/Class specific survey for February
 - i. Edits to teacher pages? (Consensus was to keep as is)
 - ii. Redesign of specials/electives pages? (Keep "as is" with addition of an intro for the Specials section suggesting that parents invite their students to help them answer this section)
 1. Suggestions to increase visibility and engagement around Specials include:
 - a. Communication from Specials teachers (maybe 1x per unit or per month) about how their class ties in with the Core Knowledge subjects. Some members were unaware of this cooperative element.

- b. Displays from Specials teachers at Conferences to illustrate/advertise the CK tie ins
 - iii. DSS/ALP: send existing questions to DSS/ALP staff for their input

IV. Family Engagement Topics and Schedule

- a. Summer Activities Resource Fair
 - i. Concerns around planning time, turnout, and protocols
 - ii. Decision was made to collectively put together a resource list to be shared with families in January. Activity, dates, phone/website/contact. Members will divide contact list and add their own.
 - iii. Distribute via website/Loop
- a. Internet Safety (see report from Ami)
 - i. Screenagers (\$\$) not this year. Concerns about in-person activity and cost.
 - ii. SRO presentation- attractive for relationship building and local emphasis
 - 1. Will ask Ami to follow up with Officer Blackwood in hopes of early March? availability. Start with an online parent session to be followed by classroom visits. Allay parent concerns about content of presentation first.
 - iii. Cheezo/Sherriff option suggested. Interest was focused on the SRO over Sheriff for the sake of building the relationship with our new SRO.
- b. Townhall (Mission, Strategic Plan, Testing info, questions invited from parents)
 - i. Concerns about turnout due to lack of focus/lack of urgent unanswered questions by this time of the year.
 - ii. Pivot plan: Host an online meeting mid to late February focused solely on testing: What tests we use and how the data helps us. Encourage participation and support for CMAS testing. Mr Schoenhals would present/answer questions.
- c. Growing and Changing Preview for Parents (schedule for late March, very early April)

V. Meeting Schedules

- a. Next meetings Jan 18, Feb 15, both to be virtual.

VI. Action Items:

- a. Family School Relationship Survey to be approved by Board this month for January release.
- b. Sarah will update Teacher survey and send DSS/ALP pages for feedback from Staff.
- c. All members will think of title suggestions for this class specific survey that will go out in Feb.
- d. All members will receive Summer Activity spreadsheet and starter lists before Dec 13 to compile information prior to Jan 10 for release in 3rd or 4th week of January.
- e. Will request Ami to follow up with SRO