Alta Vista Elementary CDMC Minutes December 4, 2018



Mrs. Logan started the CDMC meeting at 4:15 pm at Alta Vista Elementary library on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Introductions were made. 14 staff members, 2 community members (former parents of students), and 2 parents were in attendance.

Mrs. Logan reviewed the formative assessment of the CIP for the fall. Ms. Spark reminded the group that blended learning training had been done earlier in the year (enrichment teacher panel). Ms. Spark is our campus blended learning leader and will be working with Sarah Pedrotti. Mrs. Logan discussed future decisions to be considered including plans for after-school tutoring and STAAR prep materials. One of the CIP goals is to bring more speakers to present to students. Mr. Thomas, one of the parents in attendance, has presented to our Boys to Men mentoring program.

Nancy Alvarado, our ELL strategist, reviewed our campus assessment plan. February assessments (STAAR practice) will be used to determine the students who are invited to our Spring Break Academy, which will focus on "bubble" students who are close to passing. Common assessment data is used each six weeks to determine math interventions. Mrs. Spark asked that interim assessment data be shared with teachers.

Lindsey Helton reviewed our PBIS campus plan and summary. Tier 1, 2, and 3 interventions were discussed. Mr. Thomas asked what qualifies students for Tier 2 interventions. Mrs. Helton reported that it depends on the student, but the SAT committee, including parents, reviews the behavior data for a specific student. Mrs. Helton also reviewed the action plan for 2018-2019 to improve the PBIS plan. These steps include implementing Branching Minds and Connections software, creating a student leadership team, seeking parent input on behavior policies, and conducting staff observations for behavior interventions. Mrs. Orchard reviewed the behavior curriculum that is being used to teach social skills. Mrs. Snell mentioned doing a survey for outside service providers, like community health workers.

Mrs. Ligawa discussed family engagement strategies with collaboration from Grassroots. Some parents will focus on committee based programs, and other parents will be focused on project based programs. Mr. Thomas shared about his family and his nonprofit that focuses on mentoring boys and girls of fatherless families; the program is both community and school-based. He proposes that his organization to start a Watch DOG program at Alta Vista Elementary, which would allow adult males connected to Alta Vista to serve the school. Grassroots will be doing a 3-part series of training on best practices for parent engagement with staff. They will also be leading a staff cohort with a possible stipend.

Mrs. Logan solicited feedback about Hero Night. None was mentioned. We received a proclamation from Doc Anderson commending the event. Our next big parent involvement event is "SEAS the Night" in February. Helton asked if anyone had connections with astronomers, astronomy clubs, or astronomy departments. Ligawa mentioned that TSTC has an astronomy department, and Mrs. Boggess' husband works at TSTC.

Mrs. Maynard introduced our CIS liason, Lara Hernandez, and updated the committee on Adopt-A-School efforts. Our partners are Englander Dzignpak, Community Bank & Trust, and First Presbyterian. They donate their time as mentors and donations to support Pack of Hope. In December, our partners will be volunteering to assist our student-led conferences. We currently receive 61 packs of hope on a weekly basis, with 15 more students on the waiting list. We will be doing a donation drive next week.

Mrs. Logan asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mrs. Logan adjourned the meeting at 4:53 pm.