

Oakes SAC Meeting Notes

Jul 28, 2022

Participants

- Principal: Derek Fleshman
- Assistant Principal: Brittany Brewster
- Teachers: NA
- Parents: Emma & Rob Nelson, Darla Douglas, Devin Blethen
- Students: Austin Alpert
- Community: Laura Welch
- Recorded by Emily Hopkins

Meeting Structure

- We believe conversations are the best way to keep students as the priority.
- Chairperson - Darla Douglas
- Vice Chairperson - Emma Nelson
- Third voting member - Rob Nelson

Safety/Security Update

- Required to practice all drills in the first 10 days of school
 - Lockdown: practiced with the alarm, DCSD security, and CRPD.
 - Fire drill/evacuation: Real fire alarm and scheduled fire drill, went smoothly both times
 - Hold: Real hold protocol when paramedics were called for a student
- Construction on new security vestibule at the school's entrance is almost complete. It includes a double-door entrance, kevlar drywall and bulletproof glass
- New security guard Kwame Dawson (parent of an Oakes graduate) starts in the next few weeks

New Hires

- 7 new staff members this school year
 - Brittany Brewster - First AP in Oakes history
 - Aldon Cruse - History
 - Joe Schneiderwind - Math
 - Giff Walters - English
 - Lori Peeples - Post-graduate counselor
 - Nicole Amidon - Psychologist
 - Amanda Schmidt - Gifted/talented facilitator
- We are very excited to have them all here!

Calendar/ Schedules

- Upcoming SAC meetings (all held at 6:00pm at the school)

- October 27, 2022
- January 26, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- Calendar changed this school year to meet state standards for October count. We have split our 3-week break at the end of Quarter 1 to have 2 weeks in September, come back for Quarter 2, and then join the rest of the district for Fall Break in October.
- DCSD is considering pushing block scheduling out to the whole district, but we don't believe it would work well for Oakes. Students agree with our current class schedule.

Outdoor Education

- Oakes is camping again!
 - September trips planned: Backpacking outside Carbondale, Bent's Old Fort
- Student perspective: Austin went on a summer trip led by Condon, Marti, and Mr. A. The group hiked into the wilderness on day one, then up to a lake the second day. The students had fun and it was a successful bonding experience between staff and students.
 - First overnight camping trip since 2019. Pros: Loved the connection between everyone, Improvements for next time: itinerary didn't quite line up.
- Students are selected for trips by signing up, and then their name is submitted to a random list generator to ensure student selections are fair.
- Oakes is currently reviving the program post-COVID, but we are excited with where it is currently headed.

Transportation

- Equity issue? Why is transportation already being discussed for new programs that are not even fully formed or in session yet, but our school still doesn't have transportation?
- Kids from more schools (outside Castle Rock) would benefit from our program

Budget Update

- Carry over will come in September
- SBB vs DBB

Next SAC meeting will be October 27, 2022 at 6:00pm