

Oakes SAC Meeting Notes

Oct 21, 2021

Participants

- Principal: Derek Fleshman
- Dean: Brian Wood
- Teachers: Brian Wood
- Parents: Victoria Hostin
- Students: Jaelene Jesch
- Community: Rebekah Brooks, Laura Welch
- Recorded by: Emily Hopkins

New Staff Member

- Kelley Brockmeyer (math and PE) retired, and the position was filled by Jessie Condon, who is an Oakes graduate who came back to teach at our school! Along with her math lessons, she also emphasizes Social-Emotional-Learning (SEL) and mindfulness. The students are really enjoying her teaching and her classes. We are lucky to have her join our ranks!

SAC Membership

- 1 parent short of membership
- Need to get the word out about SAC meetings to current parents and increase our membership and participation

Outdoor Ed

- The program is currently (optimistically) “in limbo”. A trip to see the CO fall colors went out last weekend, and will go out again this weekend to the Dunes.
- As of right now, we are only doing day trips. Trips are limited to 6 kids due to suburban sizes. We are not planning on overnight trips any time soon due to lack of drivers and impact of COVID on the program. Our new teacher, Jessie, is interested in bringing more of the original Outdoor Ed trips back, such as the work trip and desert trip. The program isn't gone, but it's in a grey area and we are trying to find ways to reimagine it to keep it going.
- The hope is to restore the program to its original success, but that is a long term goal
- The good news is - we are getting kids back outside

Safety

- Reminder - “Lockout” has been changed to “Secure” so that it is not confused with “Lockdown”. We have practiced Lockdown and our next scheduled drill will take place next week.
- “Hold” has been added, and we've already used it twice for medical emergencies. “Hold” allows for students to be kept clear of hallways and common areas when there are medical or police personnel in the building, or other situations where privacy is needed in a common area.

Oakesgiving

- Trying to do it this year- but of course, risky with the current situation. Mr. Freshman is asking for permission to hold the traditional meal this year with just students and staff, instead of the whole Oakes community
- Planned date is Thursday Nov. 11 - this would be a half day for students, in order to make sure the building is clean and put back into working order for the following week (Nov 12 is staff work day).
- More information coming out in next 2 weeks
- Food requests will be passed out during school success. As is tradition, family or home-cooked recipes are encouraged so students can share a bit of their home life with their school family. Getting enough food to feed everyone is a small concern, but we have some community members who are willing to make donations, and staff will be supplementing the menu where needed, as much as needed.

Budget

- Currently cleaning up the budget and where purchases are expensed from. Next year the SBB will look a little different to reflect these changes, to make the budget fit Oakes' needs better, and to make it easier/clearer on where to expense purchases.
- Large purchase: Grounds improvement - the west side of the school has needed some TLC due to rain washing out the side, and it has become a safety issue. It is now fixed with a new sidewalk!
- About \$3,000 worth of power tools were stolen from, but we are getting reimbursed through Risk Management and an insurance claim, and currently replacing them
- Getting security camera and light for sheds to avoid any future theft

Theater

- One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest - December dates

October Count

- State of CO always gave us a waiver in the past to change our dates from Oct 1st (not usually in session) to another window of dates that works for our calendar. This option for a waiver has been rescinded, so the school calendar might need to change from our current 9-week on, 3-week off system.
- This is still up in the air, no decision has been made as of yet. Lots of possibilities for changing the calendar are being looked into

Graduation

- Planning to host it at Oakes, if we can't, will do indoor at RCHS gym
- 28ish students will be graduating in December
- No answer on limiting guests yet, but maybe 5-7 per person
- Only new guidances would change it from being at Oakes
- December 2019 was the last time graduation was held here

DAC meeting happening tonight, Victoria Hostin will attend virtually. She will update us at the next SAC meeting.

Next SAC meeting will be January 27th at 6:00pm