

EDITED For corrections needed by motion on 4/12/2022

Braden River Middle School SAC Minutes from February 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. through virtual teams meeting. In attendance were: R. Batista, K. Zenon-Richardson, K. Cunningham, V. Dolan, K. Brand, M. DaCosta, A. Valentino, B. Trombetta and J. Beach. The January minutes were not reviewed for approval because the SAC did not have a quorum at this time.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Principals Report and ABC's was shared: Benchmarks data is being reviews and is being used to tailor to the needs of the students and where we need to push them toward mastery. ALEX (sp?) for Algebra students has begun. Students will leave electives 1-2 times per week to work on algebra and there will be incentives to perform well.

Parents should be looking at IXL for science because the science test is a three year test, Newsela which is designed to be like FSA and builds stamina and understanding. Acaletics is used in intensive classes and will be included in algebra. Parents are asked to please monitor grades and schoology.

Behavior

Even with the detox of a couple of weeks with the phones, the phones again are problematic. Teachers are checking phones when students walk in the door, and checking that students are dressed for success. Tardies – kids not in class on time are sent to the Tardy Tank and receive an excused or unexcused pass. Nine tardies will earn them ISS time. For major behaviors we are working with Centerstone . The entire school needs to work on conflict resolution. Social media is causing a lot of conflicts. PBIS shopping is still the same. Renaissance had to be rescheduled because of COVID spike and is not set for 3/10/22. We are hopeful that we can bring back 8th grade dance and 8th grade activities that have been gone because of COVID. Finally, a Principals Reward (formerly a picnic) is being planned too!

UNIFORM UPDATE

The update for the uniform process is that no survey/vote has been sent out yet. There is a new texting system from the district and once trained a survey will be sent out. We should get a lot of data from that survey and it will be sent out before the next meeting in April.

General Questions/Public Comments:

Are there any classes regarding behavior? The media specialist shares character traits with the students. On Early Release day everyone did the mental health training.

Approval of member at large Lisa Jobst will be brought to the next meeting as we don't have a quorum to vote.

We can anticipate a survey on how things are going from the perspective of the parents before the last meeting, as well.

PTSO – there are still funds from the prior PTSO and there was an agreement with an officer of that PTSO that the money be put aside for future PTSO use. Comments were that there was never enough people to be executive board members so it disbanded.

Resources have been added to the chat about Digital Citizenship. Former media specialist Ms. Carlucci used to teach that.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 5:30 p.m. HOPEFULLY in the media center.

Respectfully submitted,

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