



School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes Dr. Mona Jain Middle School January 29th, 2024

Attendees: Susan Dunahue, Melissa Cohen, Marisa P., Brenda Arnold, Jen Sammy, Delaney Arnold, Kristina Engelsberg, Jason Dudczak, Tracie Flanigan, David Flanigan, Adrienne Eaton, Jenna Holden, Antoniette Smith, Kate Barlaug and Amanda Keitel

Welcome: Kristina Engelsberg called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

Approval of Minutes: After reviewing the October 30th, 2023, meeting minutes, Amanda Keitel motioned to approve them, and Susan Dunahue seconded.

A+ Money Recognition Approval: DMJ has been allocated bonus money for being an “A” school for the 2022-2023 school year. The funds are expected to be between \$152,055 and \$171,765, pending the final calculation of grades through the district. The meeting discussed the formation of the two options (Plan A & B). The committee sent out ballots, and the staff overwhelmingly chose Plan B. SAC is needed to vote but was not in quorum-Kristina Engelsberg will send an email to voting SAC member to cast their vote. The plan is due back to the district by February 1st.

New Business/Open Floor:

2023-2024 Books for Library: Mrs. Cohen presented a list of books to be ordered for the library; all but one have been pre-vetted and approved by the state. The last one (Keepers of the Lost Cities) is the next book in a series and will be vetted by Mrs. Cohen, the school librarian.

Attendance/Capacity: 989 students enrolled, and the school is still in capacity. The school is closed to Choice and hardships. We expect to have ~900 students next year, including ~60 School Choice slots.

Neighborhood Construction: Mr. Neil spoke with Mrs. Barlaug concerning students playing on the construction equipment. Mrs. Barlaug suggested that a 6’ fence be put up now to stop kids from cutting through and something more permanent with a gate to provide access to the school from the new Town Homes being built. We discussed a privacy fence, and Admin may talk to the district.

School Time: New legislation will require High Schools to start after 8 a.m. before the 2026/27 school year. Ultimately, this will result in a start/end time change for all schools. No plan has yet been announced, but Middle School principals have requested to start school before Elementary Schools.

New K-8 School: in process to open 2025/26 school year. The school may open as a K-5 first to provide relief for elementary schools—no discussion on re-zoning.

Schoolology: A parent inquired if the system had a known downtime schedule when the servers were down because it impacted the completion of homework assignments. Mrs. Cohen suggested “empty trash,” but Mrs. Barlaug will ask the IT department if there is a schedule or notice she will put on the website.

School Zone Signage Placement for school zone signage for speeding drivers and student safety issues. Kristina Engelsberg and Mrs. Barlaug have already spoken with Mr. Pendly and will follow up with him.

Next Meeting: February 26th, 2024

Adjournment: Kristna Engelsberg called for an adjournment at 6:17 pm. Jason Dudczak motioned to adjourn, and Amanda Keitel seconded the motion.