



Robert E. Willis Elementary School

SAC Agenda for April 27, 2021
Virtual Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



1. **Meeting Called to Order / Determination of a Quorum**
2. **Approval /Reading of Minutes- February 23, 2021**
3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Safety and Security updates (fencing, Alyssa's law, Speed Bumps, sidewalk barrier)
 - b. ELA Adoption update
 - c. Staffing update
 - d. Academic calendar-2021-22
4. **New Business**

Agenda Items:

 - 1.
5. **Topics for future meetings:**
6. **Next Meeting Confirmation / Adjournment**
 - a. Next Meeting: May 18, 2021

SAC MEETING MINUTES

Willis Elementary School

April 27, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Crystal Rothhaar, Chair at 6:05pm

In Attendance

Board Members: Kathy Price, Jennifer Danahy, Crystal Rothhaar, Hanna Cuervo, Ashley McIntyre, Nicole Delaney, Phil Woods, Kelly Carpenter

- Quorum Determined

Other attendees: Ronda Mau (vice principal), Brittany McGill

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from February 2021 meeting were reviewed. Noted that FSA dates have been altered since the February meeting. Parents and staff have been updated on new dates. Phil Woods motioned to approve. Nicole Delaney seconded. Minutes passed without corrections.

Principal's Report

A- Safety and Security:

- a. Administration has met with fencing company and district staff to secure the perimeter of the school with six feet fencing. The project is being sent to the board to vote on 6' security fencing to be installed around the entirety of our premises. There will be push out gates located at various points with all external access locked. This perimeter fencing will provide slight increases in kindergarten and 4th/5th recess area. The bike rack at kindergarten area will be downsized in order to allow for fencing and will provide students with more area to play. Perimeter fencing will extend all the way down to kindergarten exit and around pond and to the park. Projected installation is to begin anytime between June and November 2021.
- b. Alyssa's Law: Senate bill 70 passed in June 2020 that dealt with safety in schools following MSD/Parkland school shooting. Law requires all staff to be able to alert silently alert law enforcement. System that is being submitted to the board is Centigex. The system was piloted by Hillsborough County schools and will allow teachers/staff to alert cases of both threat to school as well as medical emergency. The system will include a card that the staff will wear at all times on campus and will have certain protocols to identify a threat vs medical emergency. The school admins/SRO and police will be notified through the use of the cards for threat alerts. Once it is voted into place the county will come up with procedures and staff will be educated on proper use.
- c. Speed bumps have been installed and seem to be helping control speed in our car loop.
- d. Sidewalk barrier chains installed with help of PTO and Gator Stamping. Yellow chains for safety replaced rope. PTO purchased all materials and Gator Stamping volunteered time and equipment to install.

- B- ELA update: new ELA text approved by board. Will be using "Benchmark Advance" ELA textbook series if approved by the board. State approved and meets all criteria. Multi-sensory, explicit, small group leveled readers, etc. The product supports the science of reading and backed by the International Dyslexia Assoc. Teachers will be trained in new standards by district and PTO funds will be used to help with teacher training as well. SDMC website has

area for public comment on their "Hot Topics" section in regards to new textbook and curriculum.

C- Staffing update:

- a. Willis has been given an additional VPK class for next year bringing total to 2 VPK classes.
- b. Willis will be gaining a dedicated ASD unit to help support children on the ASD spectrum
 - i. Ms. Bradl will oversee our MTSS team and will serve as our ESE team lead.
- c. There are currently 5 staff positions open for next year that will need to be filled. Candidates are currently being interviewed and job postings for many of the positions will close 4/28/21 so that staff may be hired and put in place in timely manner.
- d. Ms. Cuervo will move to a Full-Time gifted teacher as well as remain chair for TSA.
- e. Will also be welcoming a new part time gifted teacher one day a week: Mrs. Laboy
 - i. Our plan is to allow for gifted enrichment in addition to our current gifted clustered classrooms. Schedule will be worked on over the summer.

D- Academic Calendar for 2021-22 school year approved

- a. Majority of early release days have been removed likely indicating no plans for parent/teacher conferences. A parent may call a meeting any time with teachers should parents feel need to discuss their child's progress in the classroom.
- b. Teachers will return to classroom on 8/3/21 and students will return on 8/10/21 (Tuesday)

New Business-Agenda Items

- A. No new business was on agenda for tonight's meeting.

Committee Concerns/Topics for future meetings

- A. Will review current SAC members terms and identify who will be available to join again next year.
- B. Elections will be held during the first meeting of the 2021-22 school year as we have done in the past in order to allow for incoming kindergarten families a chance to join our committee.
- C. Updates -the SBMC is meeting- Many topics to be voted on including:
 - a. Mask use for next school year. Mandatory vs Optional
 - b. Approval for perimeter fencing
 - c. Possible update to millage funding that will need to be voted on again by our community. Currently at 1% and funds are used to cover additional instructional time and pay for teacher and charter programs and STEMp.

Next Meeting

May 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Meeting location vs Zoom/Teams meeting will be determined closer to meeting date.

Motion to adjourn by Nicole Delaney, second by Jennifer Danahy. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm
Minutes submitted for approval by: Jennifer Danahy