

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

September 17th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

HANDOUTS– Agenda

ATTENDEES – See sign in sheet

Voting Members Present: Nadia Wood (SAC Chair), Kirsten Parker (Secretary), Jeffrey Wilson (staff representative), Shawna Hicks–Cranston, Robin Harrell, Gisela Lopez, Johanna Valentine, Tatiana Yero

Not present: Jennifer Webber

Active Participants: Beth Cendere, Jen Franczyk, Michele Danowski (Assistant Principal), Guy Grimes (Principal), Carolyn Winget (staff), Rebecaa Shively, Brenda Springfield, Michael Drobny, Jennifer McCarthy

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- 8 of 9 SAC voting members were in attendance
- Minutes Approved

2. Redistricting for 2020-2021: Guest: Don Sauer from School District

- Goal of district is to relieve over-crowding and provision of transportation services. The district has 3,000 empty elementary seats spread across the district. There are 3 teams evaluating the different areas impacting 15 schools.
- Superintendent and team noted “pockets” that are over 10 miles away from schools being districted/bused in to address non-race factors for zoning (ESE, Socio-economic). Last redistricting for elementary only impacted 3 schools.
- Map shared with group. Noted “pocket” districted to Freedom is within 3 miles of Manatee Elementary and includes 286 students with 277 meeting non-race factors. At times children who ride the bus from this pocket are not arriving on time.
- Noted “School Choice” would still be available, and the children who are currently enrolled could stay at the same school; however, no public transportation would be provided. If a school is over capacity, the sibling choice/hardship will no longer guaranteed.
- Noted we have 3 teachers and 3 parents on the district committee for redistricting: Hirst, McClellan, Winget, Wood, Carlisle, Franczyk.
- Questions from audience included:
 - Is new construction including apartments in our area being taken into consideration? Clarified that discussions are being held with builders however the district has to look at current state vs. future/anticipated.
 - Does the elementary school follow middle school districting? This is on the docket for discussion with Superintendent.

3. **Voting Items:** Moved up on agenda due to voting members needing to leave

- Uniform Survey
 - N.Wood shared this is also under consideration at Haile Middle and recommended that SAC move forward the vote to survey parents. Sample of survey questions that were proposed to be sent to faculty/staff first was distributed.
 - Motion to move forward with surveying parents. Second. Vote passes 7/8, with Coach Wilson abstaining from the vote.
 - Next step is to coordinate with Haile regarding information, fliers, impact, and how survey will be distributed. May coordinate with parent-teacher meetings. Dr. Grimes will contact Haile.
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) – presented by M.Danowski
 - Goal #1: increase math proficiency in grades 3-5, noted scores recently decreased. Noted curriculum for math was recently changed. Proposing “Acaletics” to supplement and reinforce curriculum which would include a baseline assessment and group students by ability. Noted this material is not electronic. This is a state approved program.
 - Goal #2: Increasing ELA for bottom quartile. Proposing data meeting with teacher and students setting goals, as well as professional development K-3 regarding conferencing and goal setting, and for 4-5 regarding writing.
 - Plan is due to District School Board Friday 9/20
 - Discussion held and questions asked including:
 - Has “team-teaching” with focus on subject matter been evaluated? G.Grimes commented research has not been shown to support this method in grades < 4th.
 - Motion to approve plan. Vote passes 8/8.

4. **SAC Contract**

- Contract distributed to voting members
- N.Wood reinforced this includes being familiar with SAC bylaws and commitment to attend so quorum could be met. Voting members serve a 2 year term.

5. **Q&A**

- a. Re-districting discussed. Noted Manatee Elementary is a “Community Partnership School.”
- b. Student count: Final count as of today ~687. Two kindergarten classes condensed from 6 classrooms to 4 classrooms. Mrs. Dolman has left the school and Mrs. Steinberg moved to a Pre-K class.
- c. Appreciation expressed for e-mail/connect sent to parents on Intruder Drill.

6. **Next Meeting: Sept 17th 6pm**

- a. **Agenda Items:** TBD

7. **ADJOURNMENT** – meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.