

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

November 19th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

HANDOUTS– Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, Example BRE Uniform Policy and Sample Pricing

ATTENDEES – See sign in sheet

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

Active Participants: Michele Danowski (Assistant Principal), Guy Grimes (Principal), Beth Cendere, Meghan Trotter

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

2. Uniforms

- Robin Harrell shared Example Uniform Policy, noting many options for where uniform items could be obtained/ordered (i.e. retailers such as Old Navy, Walmart, Lands End, Target, etc.). Sample order form was distributed that included pricing. She also shared some data from articles that showed uniforms have a positive impact on self-esteem and safety. Noted Uniform Solutions Plus is local located off Lena Road and can provide fitting. School could also have a “shared closet” for when clothes in good condition could be recycled to students in need. Nadia Wood noted Haile Middle is also considering Uniforms however unclear timing for a Town Hall.
- Guy Grimes noted if a student is enrolled under “Project Heart” then the school would be responsible for providing uniforms and a grant for assistance could be requested from PTO. Current estimated impact would be 5-10 students.
- Discussion held regarding means that would be best to disseminate information and if a Town Hall should be held. Those present expressed support for information to include a 1 sheet flier that includes an abbreviated description of policy, sample picture with estimated pricing, and date of Town Hall.
- Robin Harrell and Nadia Wood will meet prepare this flier and bring back to next meeting along with draft of Power Point for Town Hall. Town Hall tentatively scheduled for 2/11 at 6:15pm after SAC meeting at 6pm.

3. Potholes

- Guy Grimes submitted work order 9/23 and resubmitted in October to District but reported that cannot determine where this request in the priority of other requests. He will continue to follow-up.

4. Honor Roll Assemblies

- Guy Grimes reported the frequencies of these assemblies were changed to once per Semester instead of quarterly due to maximizing time for learning, balancing teacher responsibilities, and unknown if these assemblies are achieving designed goal for motivating students.
- Concern was expressed from some parents present that communication was not consistent from teachers and that timing of distribution of certificates was not consistent. Majority of parents present support these award assemblies and wish for these to continue but are OK with decreasing frequency to twice annually.
- Guy Grimes clarified they have discussed with staff regarding distribution of certificates and this will be included in future communication to clarify frequency.
- On a similar note, the Hall of Fame plaque in the main entrance recognizing students who consistently achieved Dean's List for 12 quarters (straight A's) has not been updated in a couple of years. Guy Grimes will look into re-implementing this and the steps that will need to be taken to identify qualifying students to be recognized at 5th grade graduation.

5. Policy Change regarding SAC membership numbers

- Nadia Wood and Guy Grimes reported District Policy was revised and removed statement on SAC membership of "limited to ten voting members" and now each individual SAC can determine number of voting members.

6. Redistricting

- Rezoning district meeting on 11/12 was attended by 3 representatives from our school (Nadia Wood, Jen Franczyk, and Brenda Guess).
- This will impact a "pocket" that will now be re-zoned to Manatee Elementary as well as an area NW SR64 (Greyhawk) however several grandfather clauses were approved by the board. Discussion held and concern expressed regarding impact on our total enrollment number which could subsequently impact number of teachers and school budget. It was reported that Guy Grimes will have a better estimate after School Choice closes in December. He also noted several parents have contacted the school regarding choice related to planned construction at Gene Witt.
- For potentially interested parents Guy Grimes noted tours are offered at Freedom every Friday and that this is advertised on our website. Additionally, an open house will be held in January.
- District potentially has plans to add a "Ten-Pack" to our school which would add 10 classrooms and remove the portables.

7. Open and Q&A

- Guy Grimes reported 3 new pieces of playground equipment are tentatively scheduled to be installed in December over break.
- Brenda Guess reported last 2 PTO fundraisers raised over \$20,000. Kirsten Parker would like to request update and planned timeline to upgrade Sound System for assemblies, noting a parent who has a Sound System company requesting to submit bid. Guy Grimes will be soliciting bids from District approved vendors after Thanksgiving break, with goal to determine vendor

and secure contract by December holiday break. Some parents present did express concern that they would like to ensure this upgrade is completed by Spring assemblies, performances, and by 5th grade graduation. It was noted the sound system was problematic at the most recent Veteran's Day ceremony.

Next Meeting: January 21st 6pm

- a. **Agenda Items:** Review and approval of uniform handouts and presentation for Town Hall meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.