

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SAC MEETING

January 21st, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

HANDOUTS– Agenda, Minutes, Example 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, Gisela Lopez, Johanna Valentine, Tatiana Yero

Voting Members Absent: Robin Harrell

Active Participants: Michele Danowski (Assistant Principal), Guy Grimes (Principal), Jen Franczyk, Tracy Bradford

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

2. State of the District Update

- Dr. Grimes shared PowerPoint on State of the District that reviewed data on district. Noting he serves on the district's Principal's Advisory Group. Presentation is posted on the district website. A version will be posted on the Freedom website.
- Notable items: demographics have changed from 2009 to 2019 including Hispanic 23.5% to 33%, 98 different languages dialects spoken by SDMC students, 1 in 7 is an ELL student, and free/reduced lunch from 46.8% to 62.9%. Academically the district is improving: 18 D & F schools in 2012-13 vs. 0 F schools and 1 D school in 2018-19.
- 3 new schools opened, 9 slated for renovations
- Financial report: noted balanced budget, competitive teacher salaries
- Strategic Plan will have a public panel for feedback

3. Student Uniforms

- N. Wood shared fliers along with draft of Power Point for Town Hall which is tentatively scheduled for 2/11 at 6:15pm after SAC meeting at 6pm. After discussion, Motion to move Town Hall to 3/10, Approved.
- M. Danowski will coordinate robo call to share date of meeting with parents.
- S. Hicks-Cranston suggested a letter accompany the flier that goes home with flier about Town Hall. Team reviewed 1 page flier suggested to go out to parents that will be in both English and Spanish and have a disclosure to clarify that this is a "Vote" to determine if Uniforms will be adopted, and then will have the 2 page FAQs available at Town Hall. N. Wood will send this out all uniform related materials to SAC members for review in advance of next meeting 2/11.

- N. Wood will coordinate with B. Cendre to make revisions to flier and letter as well as contact potential Uniform Vendor so they can attend Town Hall.
- G. Grimes & M. Danowski will clarify the requirements to pass this resolution (Estimated: required response rate is 70% of families and to greater than 50% to approve). They will also confirm the number of families enrolled at Freedom.
- G. Grimes noted that the families of new student enrollees will be available mid-February and that it is anticipated there will be approximately 250 current families who will no longer have enrolled students. He requested a “snipet” that can be provided to new families at a welcome with the date of the Town Hall.
- Also noted the 3rd quarter parent-teacher conferences week of 3/23 and “Voting” could occur at these conferences.
- Team discussed and approved that Letter of Town Hall is needed by 2/28 to be sent out 3/2 in parents folder, Town Hall held 3/10, Ballot will be sent home 3/23 and due 3/30. Parents can submit vote via ballot by submitting at Parent-Teacher conferences, or to office via student, or delivery. For “new families” they can vote via ballot at the Town Hall on 3/10.

4. OPEN

- G. Grimes reported 3 new pieces of playground equipment installed with new mulch surrounding it.
- Update on Sound System: G. Grimes reported a revised bid is due this week, and that District has already built a lockable sound booth that can be used. Anticipate installation by Spring Break.
- Hall of Fame plaque in the main entrance recognizing students who consistently achieved Dean’s List for 12 quarters (straight A’s). Noted cumbersome process to go retrospective, but committee supported revitalizing.

Next Meeting: 2/11 6pm

a. Agenda Items: Uniform Vote

ADJOURNMENT – meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.