



Springwoods School Advisory Council (SAC)

Former Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm
May 17, 2023

- 1. Welcome (1 min)**
- 2. Hot Topics (~ 20 mins)**

Staff Appreciation – An update was provided on the events that took place during the Staff Appreciation Week and how much all of the staff enjoyed it.

Intent Forms – We talked about the intent forms that were due and how important it was for all parents to fill out so the school can appropriately plan the staffing for the upcoming year.

Heritage Night 5/25 – Heritage Night is taking place on 5/25. We discussed having a presence at the event in order to make the School Advisory Council better known.

New Security Guard - Mr. Overstreet has been hired as a security guard and already has plans on how to better communicate about things like dogs on premises.

Hiring of New Personnel – There are two positions to fill. Also next year we will have six classrooms for kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grade. Library is being added to the encore rotation.

- 3. Budget updates (~ 5mins)**
 - This item was skipped
- 4. Updates on Improvement plan (~25-30 mins)**

As it was discussed during the last meeting, the Improvement Plan will no longer be in Excel and will be housed in a different platform.

Parents, staff, and students were surveyed in order to gather information on the impact of the Improvement Plan.

Parents Survey – 100 parents filled out the survey. Overall, parents have a positive perception of school leadership, family engagement, academic environment, and structural satisfaction. Parents also expressed there is room to grow in terms of divisional leadership perception and a desire for more extracurricular choices.

Staff Survey – There was a 40% staff response rate. The staff is generally satisfied with the academic environment communication and collaboration workplace climate and professional satisfaction. But they also highlighted some areas in terms of student well-being where there might be some room for growth.

Student Survey – 80% of the students and the 3rd 4th and 5th grade answered the survey. Overall, most students trust their teacher and principal and have a positive perception of the school climate. There were some concerns about sense of belonging and what the academic expectations are. Some students expressed concerns with feeling safe at school and safe from bullying.

Attendees at the meeting questioned how some of these survey questions were drafted; how they may have led students to answer a certain way; there are some concerns about the sophistication of the questions versus the sophistication of the audience.

School leadership will gain more insight into the process behind the survey.

5. Zoning (~10 mins)

- The chair talked about a call she had with a person in charge of the school zoning. Assignments get considered every year based on the needs of every school. The official that she spoke to (Dr. Carlidge) said that they would welcome the concerns that the staff has regarding the amount of students that are being placed at the school versus how other schools are assigned students. The door has been further opened.

6. Open Forum (~ 15 mins)

Math Application – Symphony

Parent Involvement in learning is limited when no materials come home from class. Consider a stronger system for parents to know what is taught.

Issues with Retention of Speech Pathologists

- School leadership has been working with the PWCS speech department to make the process better and work experience stronger for speech therapists.

- The speech department feels that they are on a god way.

Door 7 Pickup Issues

- Mr. Overstreet will observe release over the next few days
- Issues with website and bylaws have been resolved

7. Possible agenda items for next meeting (~ 3mins)

Hot topics

Budget Updates

Improvement Plan Updates

Personnel updates

SAC Survey for upcoming year and when to issue it

8. Adjournment

The meeting closed at ~8.55pm