



Springwoods School Advisory Council (SAC)

Former Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

March 4, 2024

1.Welcome: Dr Loera greeted the team and thanked everyone for accommodating date change of meeting and for helping to establish our committee.

2.Hot topics – Burton (5 Mins)

- Increase of parent substitutes, look forward to parents becoming involved.
- Therapy dog program
- Book Fair; Next week next Monday Parents night
- SOL testing coming earlier this year
- NAP Testing 4th graders reference data for actively engaged in testing session and testing day well welcomed and received.
- PWCS parent survey: encouragement to complete the parent survey

3. Budget (20 mins)- Mainor

Council report fund dispersed.

Mrs. Mainor keeps report in her office at your disposal.

158,000 in account 231,000 current amount but PALS testing and materials and substitute teacher cost (20,000) haven't been deducted

158,000 current on paper

Carry over 1% of our budget.

Maintain stem program and cushioning for next year carry over 54,000\$

Grant funding:

- ALL funding,
- ESSER funding
- Learning Acceleration

- Scholastic Book

Buying materials and learning kits by scholastic granted us kits for grade levels ESSER funds used
Plan to use some of the 158,000 towards AV systems in cafeteria. Install projector, screen, speakers.

2 subs for 4th grade

Confident supporting 4th grade ratio

2025 budget preliminary k-3 class size grant.

K-3 grant will be capped at 24 students, any number over that merits another teacher grant doesn't pay for teacher.

Grants maintains small classroom.

needed 1 classroom now for resource students and in need of 5 classrooms to meet the grant ratio

landlocked- nowhere to put new classrooms or trailers.

Might need another (self-contained) autism classroom

Possible need of about 5-6 more classrooms.

Do we hire more teachers? On pause.

Dr Loera: how do we place compared to other schools, are we in a good spot for budget

Mrs. Mainor: Excellent compared to other schools.

Are we able to lease space for classroom? schools cannot spend on contracting, and the county are having capacity issues.

Dr Loera- waiting to hear on re-zoning

4. Improvement plan- (10 minutes) Harkins

Learning achievement for all 85% reading and math

Special ed(resource) and ESOL reading and math, unit test comparable to SOL significantly better this year than last, math maintaining and

family and community engagement parent outreach, and parent liaison

Attendance – last year 27.4% school year 11-12 day

- This year 10.6%, thank you for helping spread the word

- Chronically absent is 18 days
- 12-16 families we help support.

All is good with continuous improvement plan

5. Parent Liaison -Rodriguez (5mins)

SAC pamphlets distributed K-3rd around 1,000

Mrs. Rodriguez didn't have any pamphlets in Spanish received to distribute.

Kudos to Mrs. Rodriguez from Dr Loera -thank you for all your hard work and we appreciate you.

Mrs. Rodriguez help to translate to a Spanish speaking member of SAC.

6. SACI* (Superintendents Advisory Council on Instruction) report update: (5mins) -Duncan

Duncan- Focus from this past SACI meeting was resource student's needs, daily intervention, lots of ideas, what constitutes IEP plans for special needs

January meeting more about student safety, parents bring children in early avoid traffic, kids with challenges and bullies, it's a partnerships staff parents and students help kids 5-10 break to build relationships with students.

Feb- budget meeting 150 input director hear Saci members for the budget. Discussions on Standard based learning task force to represent schools and a positions task force.

More information about SACI can be found at:

https://www.pwcs.edu/about_us/advisory_committees/superintendent_s_advisory_council_on_instruction/index

7. Community circle - Mainor 100% of our classrooms have had community circle time for 3 years after morning announcements.

- Counselors provide themes addresses bully and self advocacy
- School is implementing practical intervention procedures
- Presenting to county intervention processes credit to counselor team on our strategies, one to watch

8. SAC school advisory councils updates - Dr Loera (10 minutes)

By-laws written and more people to connect and future and purpose and how we can support our school.

2 SACI (SACI (Superintendents Advisory Council on Instruction) committee members planning.

- goal- to find a 2nd volunteer to go to each SACI meeting.
- Request for Duncan to disclose meeting briefs for what applied to elementary school and see action items and what was part of the meeting.
- we need another meeting to publish those notes from SACI, to compare and leverage what is discussed during the SACI meetings, Duncan: takes notes when they are talking with extensive information would be good to have another person to take notes and help see the focus for staff, then have it written out in quick email.

Growing out thoughts on our meeting

- Mrs. Mainor- 2 volunteers to attend meetings, reviewed and brainstormed with VPs.
- Here are ideas to propose.

Dr Loera 64-65 elementary school task every person to help parent advisory council and what is that elementary school work on, where do we overlap, what are they working on, 5-10 schools,
Share at our next meeting how we can go and recruit and see what other SACs are doing at other elementary school,
Omar-spreadsheets forms
Transcript will be translated into English.
Leverage more SACi meetings helping our future love to hear your ideas

9. SAC committee suggestions Mainor (5 mins)

-Having more of a presence, parent need to know SAC exists. SAC needs maybe a segment in the SMORES newsletter (might be canceled) such as a standing segment in newsletter, survey went to parents for parents' voice of quantity homework, parent access to events, absent and tardiness.

-Multiple choice survey so parents can give voice to topics, to help drive committee work and our discussions.

-Increase volunteerism, school doesn't have strong volunteerism, Watch Dogs programs originally for dads but now open to everyone, library needs help, recess and volunteerism could be a focus

-SACI survey question once a month for parents to feel engaged -Mrs. Mainor

Dr Loera -Clear outline from advisory versus PTA events, don't want to interject. NEST FEST in April could have a table for SAC presence.

10. Open Forum

Dr Loera - 1st grade aggressive to get workroom volunteers, 1st grade sets stuff outside their classroom in a bag and help run copy machine and other grades don't have the same system or haven't reached out.

Mrs. Mainor- Maybe teachers don't have time to plan for volunteers.

Mrs. Finnern- Last year, PTA put out sign-up genius. Don't recall seeing one this year.

Mrs. Mainor- asked for SAC to outreach to the teachers and help with workroom parent helpers for teachers, its hard for teachers to manage volunteerism, recess, and ask for parent help.

A Sign-up genius for classroom, library, and other volunteer opportunities needs to be restarted up and coordinated from where PTA left off.

11. Additional notes Mrs. Rodriguez (5 mins)

Will plan to have a display “what is SAC and PTA” working on for next year.

Mrs. Rodriguez- Keep interruption of classrooms and checks to have person that wants to help

Mrs. Rodriguez Dog therapy-last week started small, starts every Tuesday for 30 minutes counseling office, start this program slowly. Dogs names are Chole and Stacy. Autism and pre k classes visited by Chloe.

Dogs for 30 minutes for counselors picked children’s and staff,

Sped kids and pre-K

Dogs in newsletter for March 1st

Future SAC meeting staff

Joe, Kate Duncan, 1st years can stay on for a leading position, discuss transitional steps, for next year, Dr Loera will help for the first meeting and then welcome a new staff member and will stay on.

12. Agenda items next meeting

Hot topics

Volunteers

Recruiting

13. Closing Notes and Assignment DR. Loera (5 mins)

Elementary school search and every can review their council.

Duncan email us notes from SACI meetings and compile report for June meeting.

Spreadsheet from Omar on key tasks from each school, noteworthy,

Some columns have how many meetings do they have a year, or are they monthly or

Researching other school’s minutes

Run it by Mrs. Manor just half the school 64 schools, where we land and where we can expand, in comparison to other schools SAC programs. Thank you for everyone to help us grow and help sort.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04

SAC committee members present:

Mrs. Mainor

Mr. Burton

Mr. Harkins

Dr. Loera

Mrs. Rodriguez

Kate Finnern

Omar Torrens

Mr. Duncan

Joe Weston

Juliana Hoyos Acosta

Not present: Chelsi Shalal (excused) Denise Baerga, and Kia Woods

* At the SACI meetings, they discuss the budget, curriculum, communication at a county level. The SACI representative then reports back to the PAC (Principal's Advisory Council) for that school. The purpose of the SACI representative is to share ideas as well as receive ideas from other schools. We have received and many ideas and other schools have incorporated ideas that we have shared. MAC has been used as an example at a county level of how to run a PAC.