



School Accountability Committee Minutes

Date October 24, 2024

Attendance:

Principal: Amie Weldy	Chair: Dani Govan
Vice Chair: Andrew Morrison	Student: Dillan Govan
Student:	Guide: Michelle Oray
Community Member:	Parent Member: Amy Clement
Parent Member:	Parent Action Crew Liaison: Rebecca Christoffersen
Visitors: Mandy Lacey (Community Member)	Absences:

1. Call Meeting to Order (6:07pm)
2. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved (6:07pm)
3. Principal Update (6:08pm)
 - a. Accelerator week provided 17 incredible different experiences; 4 different camp sites; 425 students participating
 - b. Harvest Festival was a very successful craft and vendor fair
 - c. Held our first community meeting and pep rally
 - d. Completing some incredible professional development; high challenge, high support
 - e. Cultivate Center is close to opening; inspection tomorrow to obtain certificate of occupancy, waiting on furniture and insulation evaluation
 - f. Attended a fundraising event in Cherry Creek – Capital Campaign on final phase constructions funds. Senators and investors in attendance; Daniels Fund; hopeful for some scholarships; looking for partnerships with Anschutz for Animal Science Center; Asking for 10 million privately funded dollars.

g. First graduating class participated and completed College Free Application Day – Biz spent their day helping students apply for colleges; huge success almost all of our students filled out their applications that day and some college acceptances are already being received. Looking forward to scholarship opportunities now.

h. Enrollment; Count Day had 423 students, 2 are part time at home; lower than budgeted; finance call today to revise the budget, to be submitted to the board. Overall still in a good spot. New registrar Elaine is being trained. More on the budget later.

i. MAPS testing: pre-test bookmark on how our students are doing; initial report (mid-year and post-year test will be later in the year) show that math is the area that we need to grow in. Doing really well in Science. Professional Development on ways to incorporate math into all the lessons.

4. Governing Board Update (6:21pm)

- a. Governing Board met a few weeks ago and will meet again on November 4th
- b. Revision of budget based on current enrollment expected
- c. Create a subcommittee to talk about construction core and maintenance

5. Parent Action Committee (PAC) Update (6:23pm)

- a. Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser - \$279.54 earned
- b. Spirit Week, Homecoming Dance – hearing all things positive about that. We ran out of water and had to make runs to replenish.
- c. Harvest Festival – Biggest and best to date. It was fun to see it grow and hopefully a fun tradition in the future. Brought in over \$3,000 from the event; was able to get some significant donations; \$500 donation from United Power and City Council.

Chili Cookoff was also a big hit. Paraprofessional Naj won

Framing classes decorated pumpkins; STEAD Market sold a lot of items; 15 vendors that participated that all at least broke even or made a profit and would come back again.

- d. New PAC Board member voted in; Lindsey Cazier voted in, she has a freshman student
- e. G's Taco's fundraiser, do not have the fund amount received from that event yet
- f. Red Robin fundraiser last night, looking to see how much was raised from that.

- g. Butter Braid fundraiser will launch soon and be open through November 8th to offset student fees; butter braids will be delivered right before Thanksgiving.
- h. Parade of Lights – working on details at the November 5th meetings; looking to have the e-Van participate in that; with student ambassadors walking with the van in the parade. Hand out sticks of honey or bee stickers.
- i. Possible fundraiser this spring with the Colfax Marathon

6. Budget Update (6:33pm)

- a. Presenting the revised budget proposal to the Board in November, for approval in December.
- b. Originally budgeted for 465 students; worked closely with the finance team; I was already working on restructuring when we saw the enrollments not coming in; made adjustments on cohort staffing over the summer; we found ways to be creative about who was teaching what;
- c. Facilities Manager: right now we have a cleaning crew that comes at night; it is still our goal to have our cleaning crew in the future
- d. Technology policy resulted in a savings to not have chrome books issued to all students; and using technology only when needed; guides are loving it; 45,000 in savings in the budget from that; no cuts were needed anywhere else.
- e. Build Strong Foundation will be donating some funds
- f. District 27J streamlining for mill levy funds; placeholder for the number being provided, we are being conservative while we wait for the final allocation number.
- g. Student fees: calculate 60% of students fees have been collected; that is a moving target and hard to depend on. We will not waive the student experience and figure out ways to be creating in the budgeting otherwise

7. Review Action Items from Last Meeting (6:41pm)

- a. SAC Bylaws Update review discussion

Final review will be provided to Aime for presentation to the Board

8. Parent and Community Engagement (6:53pm)

- a. Strongman Competition was a really good time this year. We saw some real good results; more competitors and sponsors; jumping castles and a kids area; sold and served meals for over 400 people; and we ran out of food; \$3000 raised in

sponsors; day of competition raised \$3,500. Great exposure for the school and a lot of questions were fielded

9. Other Business (6:59pm)

- a. Spring Survey results reviewed;

Staff participation at 87%, Students participation at 65%, 208 parent surveys completed. Next meeting we will discuss and plan the next survey and future usage of the data

- b. SAC Recruitment; Everyone bring a friend to the next meeting

- c. SAC Continuing Education: For the next meeting we will add new items to learn about

10. SAC Student Update (7:05pm)

- a. Homecoming Dance; best dance so far; really liked the music; not sure how much we raised on ticket sales;

- b. Harvest Festival was fun and the weather was really nice

- c. Added: \$5,500 raised from homecoming to be used for future/next student events

11. SAC Member Report on General Community Feedback (7:10pm):

- a. Welcome: Mandy Lacey, community member and business owner

12. Visitor Comments (7:11pm)

- a. No Visitors

13. Action Items Review (7:12pm)

- a. Bring a friend to the next SAC meeting on January 9th

14. Adjourn Meeting (7:14pm)