

Mill Creek SAC minutes

8/30/16

In attendance:

Meeting Commenced at 4:06

Introductions

Approval of May Minutes: Kristin Arnold

1st to approve: Jamara Washington

2nd: Stephanie Goodaire

Voting of Members: Kristin Arnold and Synethia Brown.

Ballots have everyone's name on it. Parents need to vote for other parent members. We need to vote for 11 people.

Budget: We have funds that came in this summer that need to be added to the budget so the current balance of 14,482.98 is not current.

Principal's Report:

Celebrations- We have 1111 students enrolled, so throughout the school we see a lot more collaboration. Teachers are sharing students and co-teaching, so this gives us a feeling that these are "all our kids". This helps us address the needs of our struggling students because now teachers have a collaborative team to address concerns to. This gives us a culture of students who work together. If they see their teachers work together, the kids work together. While our size is big, it doesn't feel too big. We are a community.

When our FSA scores came back last year, we were an A school. This proves the work the teachers and students are doing together has made an impact. This is a huge celebration and we will continue to replicate those best practice and challenge ourselves to continue to improve. We are goal driven and want students to set goals.

We kicked off the school year in a great way. Big celebrations include our bus line and dismissal during the first week. No misplaced students.

SIP goals: Our goals last year focused on math, reading and science. We didn't improve much in science (3%) so we need to work on addressing that. We did see gains in math and reading, even in our low percentile students.

This year our action steps are to address conferring strategies and questions aligned to reading behaviors. In math, teachers need to identify student learning outcomes and match formative assessments and align MFAS tasks to monitor ongoing student learning. Teachers will meet to analyze

data and plan for differentiation. In science , the Science cadre will identify a specific learning goal directly aligned to Earth and space. We are focusing on Earth and Space because we noticed weaknesses in these two areas in FSA and DE. Goals will be monitored through frequent assessments. We want to try to blend our reading process strategies with the science content. Teachers are doing PD on vertical alignment of the standards to determine what needs to be taught at each level.

Curriculum Chat Night: We moved from using "Open house" to "curriculum night chat", but parents might not have understood the purpose of the night last year. So this year, we split our Curriculum Night Chat to help them choose a session and attend that session rather than treating the night as an Open House (come and go) schedule. Prek-2 will be Tuesday night and 3-5 will be Thursday night.

Approval of SAC dates: Typically, it's the last Tuesday of the month. We do not have a meeting in Dec, but we may need to schedule one if we don't meet decorum. We have 9 meetings so we have scheduled enough meetings. We will try to have guest speakers. In October, we will have an internet safety guest speakers.

1st to approve: Hoffman

2nd:Hartford

SAC Chair- Synethia Brown is our new SAC Co-Chair

Adjournment: 4:43

1st to motion: Gardner

2nd: Goodaire