

Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:37 by Ms. Wankel.

Citizen's Comments

(This segment is limited to 10 minutes divided among speakers to establish time limits.)

- Ms. Pace shared information about gathering input for CAC agendas and posting them for the public in advance of meetings.
- Ricardo Zavala, President of Dove Springs Proud (and Widen alumnus) shared information about the DSP organization and its mission. Currently DSP has 500 members. It is recognized by the City Of Austin and supports schools in 78744. As well as its community. DSP can assist with student achievement incentives, field trips, school supplies, community engagement events, etc.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

- The committee reviewed minutes from the 12/7/2017 meeting.
- Danielle Bryant motioned to approve the minutes as is, and Amanda Brown seconded.

Response to requests for information

- A member asked how TAPR reports are used at the December meeting. Ms. Pace shared that the Texas Education Agency shares student performance data for all public schools in these annual reports. Data is disaggregated by student groups, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. The reports also include information on campus staff, programs, and student demographics. These reports allow district staff, campus staff, and parents to gather information about campuses and compare campuses.

Monthly Featured Topic:

- Annual parent survey information: Parent surveys will be distributed to parents this month. Ms. Pace shared that only 77 surveys were returned last year, representing a very small percentage of parents, and that she hopes to have many more returned this year. The committee discussed incentive ideas to encourage more surveys to be returned.

District information:

- Public Education Grant information and required notification: The PEG grant was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995. It allows children to transfer to other schools if the school they are assigned to (1) has a STAAR passing rate below 50% for two or three consecutive years, or (2) academic accountability ratings reflect unacceptable performance in any of the previous three years. Ms. Pace announced that Widen did not meet the 50% STAAR passing rate for Writing and Science in spring of 2017, the campus did not meet the passing standard for writing in spring 2015, and the campus was rated Improvement Required in spring of 2015. A letter will be sent to parents to notify them of these results and their option to transfer under the PEG grant.

Campus Improvement Planning:

- Review campus wide common assessment progress: Ms. Pace shared campus wide common assessment data to compare student performance on campus wide common assessment #1 and campus wide common assessment #2. The purpose of these assessments is to track student progress toward end of year expectations four times throughout the year. It allows teachers to assess mastery of taught TEKS/SEs, as well as to assess prior knowledge and readiness for upcoming TEKS/SEs that have not yet been taught. The goal is to see 100% of students making progress from one assessment to the next. While many students made progress, some did not, and the committee discussed possible causes. The sentence dictation assessment used in 1st and 2nd grade is

difficult to quantify because it is designed to show student development in many different areas. iStation is very important, because the district measures student performance at all campuses with this tool. Ms. Bryant asked if iStation subtests were re-administered, would the second administration or higher score be used by the district.

Open forum for CAC member comments

- Event night planning: The committee discussed ideas for **Catch Night** for January 25th from 5:30-7:00 PM, **Black History Event Night** on February 21st, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, and **Cinco de Mayo Event Night** on May 3rd. Mr. Diaz shared information about the **the Showcase for After School Programs** on May 19th, from 9-12:30PM at Reagan HS. Ricardo Zavala offered to speak or find a speaker for the **Black History Event Night**.

Adjourn

- Ricardo Zavala made a motion to adjourn at 4:20 pm, and Amanda Brown seconded.