

Widén CAC Meeting Minutes September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.

Citizen's Comments:

There were no citizen's comments.

Open Forum Comments:

Juan Diaz shared information about the ACE after school program. Kelly Smith shared information about the Communities in Schools program. A question was raised about uniforms. Ms. Pace explained that Widén has a modified dress code, and the committee discussed the policy enforcement differences between uniforms and modified dress codes.

The council discussed vacant membership positions. All staff positions are filled, but there are still a number of vacant parent positions in order to have equal representation of staff and parents. The council will vote on staff & parent co-chairs at the October 2017 CAC Meeting.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve from the last CAC meeting (May 2017).

Response to Requests for Information:

There were no known requests for information from the previous CAC meeting (May 2017).

Monthly featured topic:

Ms. Pace shared Title I information, including items needing parent input, including (1) parent suggestions for staff development and ways to improve the campus, (2) parent involvement practices, and (3) the school-parent compact. Council members reviewed the documents and shared feedback.

District Information:

Austin ISD Bond information was shared with the council. The council discussed the bond amount, and key capital improvement projects. The council discussed that the bond will not result in tax increases and reviewed proposed district wide improvements, including improvements to Widén, and 16 new or modernized campuses. Information was shared about voting day on November 7th, and early voting October 23rd – November 3rd. A question was raised about whether the bond would include improvements to outdoor play and exercise areas at Widén. Ms. Pace shared that outdoor improvements were not included on Widén's facility project sheet.

Campus Improvement Planning:

The committee discussed the required sections of the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and reviewed teacher input on campus goals and strategies. Council members were given time to share input on campus improvement goals and strategies.

Housekeeping Items:

The committee discussed having its next meeting in another location with tables set up in a way that would allow everyone to see one another. Meetings are designed to last an hour to an hour and a half. Ms. Pace hopes to provide snacks at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18PM.