

BLT/SAC Meeting Minutes

March 1st, 2021

Attendants: Toni Schone, Brett Wiltz, Rachel Weldon, Jami Elkins-Greene, Emily Owen, Hannah McElyea, Steve Lentzkow, Ronda Luttmann, Shawna Brown, Sara Salkind, Elizabeth Whitehouse, Victoria Henderson, Roy (RJ) Yeomans, Shanna Pack

Good Things

- We shared what has made us happy or smile this year!

Budget (Toni)

- McAuliffe had about \$20,000 through Empower Funds this school year. The funds were used for the following:
 - \$15,000: Acadience Reading online, math tutoring, CKH/PBIS incentives
 - \$5,000: Reallocated to teachers for PBIS/CKH extra pay; substitute teachers for classroom teachers so they could observe other classrooms to help improve their best practices and for extra planning time while moving into the 5-day week
- The school has used a lot less of their printing budget due to remote learning and actively using Schoology/SeeSaw
 - We will need to find a healthy balance between online use and paper copies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Testing (Brett)

- The window is closing for the Access/CLDE assessment; McAuliffe has all of their students completed.
- Just doing make-ups for the 2nd grade CoGAT assessment; most students have taken it.
- State assessments: federally, they are pushing forward with state testing, but it's still up to the state to determine whether we will be taking CMAS this school year.
 - CDE mentioned that if the test is taken, the data might be used differently than past years.
 - Data was extended: April 12th-May 14th; McAuliffe is still trying to have most of the testing done in April.
 - If students are opting out, the parents are no longer required to complete a form; Jami and Brett are keeping a running record of the names of students opting out.

Asynchronous Update/Support (Toni)

- Toni sent out an email to all McAuliffe families stating that students will remain in their same classes and all safety measures will remain for staff and students.
- After Spring Break, we will have a sub and each grade level will receive 3 hours/week to use how they seem fit (i.e. extra planning time)
 - All classes still have in-person and remote students

Counselor/FTE (Toni)

- Received allocation for staffing next year based on enrollment (25:1 ratio; currently projected enrollment for next school year is 462 students)
 - McAuliffe lost one classroom teacher position
 - Gained a Counselor and a SpEd teacher.

Enrollment Committee (Rachel and Victoria)

- Members: Brett Wiltz, Toni Schone, Rachel Weldon, Amanda Brown, Terry Hernandez, Jessica Stevens, and Victoria Henderson
- The team met for the first time last week; discussed the various issues our school and the district have been facing with enrollment. They divided the data of students that don't go to our school but live in our zone into two groups:
 - Initially choosing their student into a different school/district
 - Starting out at McAuliffe, then leaving to be homeschooled or going to a different school
- The team talked about how to increase community involvement by increasing various events.
- Purple Star Program
 - A program designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school (as they move every 2-3 years).
 - The district is working to get our school enrolled in this program, as we have a large community of military-based students.

Band/Orchestra/Music Information (Toni)

- Laurilea McDaniel—District Facilitator, Fine Arts/Music
 - Giving schools in the District options to start a pilot program to shift what we're teaching elementary students in the area of music:

ELEMENTARY BAND & ORCHESTRA OPTIONS FOR

INFORMATION

- 2 30-45 min session per week
- Consistency for muscle memory
- .2 = 1 day of instruction
- Must include a 45 min. Plan
- Must include a 30 min. Lunch
- Must include drive time

'21-'22 PILOT A

- Bus students to their middle school at 2:30pm
- Students would have the option for band/orchestra 5 days a week
- Could ride the middle school bus home
- Would need buy in at a middle school level

PILOT B

- General Music, Band and Orchestra taught by 1 teacher
- Scott currently employs this model
- K-3 would get general music
- 4-5 would choose between band, choir and orchestra

Launch (Hannah)

I WASN'T BORN TO
"JUST TEACH."
I WAS BORN TO INSPIRE OTHERS,
TO CHANGE PEOPLE,
AND TO NEVER GIVE UP,
EVEN WHEN FACED WITH
CHALLENGES THAT
SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.