

**Sabin Middle School**  
**School Accountability Committee**  
**9/11/17**

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew  
Cinde Gordon  
Velvet Stepanek (Chair)

School Members:

Laura Deck  
Bill Walker  
Jared Welch

Community Members:

Regular meeting was called to order by Velvet in the Sabin Library at 6:02 pm.

1) Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. New school member, Bill Walker, and new sixth grade parent, Cinde Gordon were welcomed.

2) Approve Agenda

Agenda was updated to include Academic Accountability and then unanimously approved.

3) SAC Overview

The SAC represents the school community's point of view at large. Each SAC concerns itself with the improvement of education, safety, and learning environment for students in its school. For more information the links on the Sabin SAC site can be referenced.

4) DAC Update

The first SAC Training is September 14, 2017 at Tesla from 6-8. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Gledich gave an overview of district goals for this year.

5) PARCC Scores and testing schedule for this fall

Sabin's test scores from last year dropped the school to Turnaround status. Sabin had moved up to Improvement from Priority Improvement last year. We were 1 percentage point away from Priority Improvement this year.

The school will be focusing on implementation of the standards. The school will be using Achievement Network (ANet) to perform quarterly assessments. No Galileo tests this year. There is also a coach that comes from ANet that works with PLCs and meets with Mr. Welch. ANet will allow students to see PARCC-like questions throughout the year. Teachers can then use this to adjust curriculum.

ANet testing will happen the first week in October, last week of December, 1<sup>st</sup> week of March, and middle of May. PARCC test in March.

There was some discussion about why test scores were not as high this year. Are students not really taking the test seriously? Did iPads have any affect? What about flipped classrooms? We don't know without a root-cause analysis. Focusing on standards based teaching is the start of the solution.

Achieve 3000 test is for non-fiction reading at a students' lexile level. There are comprehension questions. These tests are ongoing. The benchmark for Achieve is done in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Access test is the English Language Learners test performed in January.

PARCC testing is from late March to mid-April. Sabin will not take the Social Studies this year. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take the Science test.

Sabin is also a Capturing Kids Hearts school. Classes have developed social contracts. Teachers are greeting every student and building relationships.

#### 6) Academic Accountability

A survey is going to be sent out to all parents about academic accountability at the middle school level. Last year at Sabin, 8<sup>th</sup> graders had to have academic accountability to participate in the continuation ceremony. They are looking at club participation and other areas to help increase accountability in middle school students. Some students are going on to high school not prepared. Elementary and middle school are struggling with how to make students more accountable academically.

#### 7) Budget Updates

There were no questions on the budget. The budget presented was from the end of August so there will be a lot of changes at the next meeting.

#### 8) Sabin Vision Updates

Haven't started focusing on this yet this year but a lot of what is being worked on fits in with this. The advisory period that each student attends weekly is working on this. Students will have the same Advisory teacher for all three years at Sabin. They are working on building relationships with an adult in the building. Also, social and emotional learning. Students are setting goals in Advisory. The Vision will be revisited at a later meeting to see how the vision of working on learning, teaching, and community are going.

#### 9) Good News

The iPad delivery got pushed a few days to Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Thursday, Sept. 14 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Friday, Sept. 15 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

No School on Sept. 18.

Football season is going well. 7<sup>th</sup> grade team has not lost. 8<sup>th</sup> grade team has one loss. Girls track has started. 30-40 girls are participating.

The first week of wrestling is next week.

#### 10) Upcoming School Events

Stadium game for football is the last week of September.

Working with Doherty, October 3, to have a Homecoming assembly for eighth graders to get them excited for high school.

Parent Conferences October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.