

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC)
12/11/17

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew
Velvet Stepanek (Chair)

School Members:

Jared Welch
Bill Walker
Tracy Squires
Kathy New (D11 Telecomm)

Community Members:

Regular meeting was called to order by Velvet in the Sabin Library at 6:00 pm.

1) Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

2) Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3) Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

No objections to the minutes from last meeting.

4) Review safe learning environment

- Safety

Tracy Squires, one of the assistant principals, is in charge of Sabin's crisis plan. Annual crisis plan training is done with Sabin staff. According to the Fire Marshall Sabin is current will all drills.

Sabin is required to have a fire drill every month, but may substitute other drills (shelter in place, tornado, lockdown) for a fire drill. They are required to have a fire drill within the first 10 days of school. They must have each of the 4 kinds of drills each quarter.

During a fire drill, students line up at the same spot with their second period teacher, regardless of the time of day the drill occurs – this provides consistency if the drill (or actual fire) were to occur during lunch or a passing period. Once or twice a year, staff will block an exit during a fire drill, so students and staff are accustomed to going to a second exit if the nearest exit is not usable.

The other drills include evacuation, lock down, tornado, and shelter in place. An announcement is made when each drill is completed.

During an evacuation students go to Village 7 Presbyterian Church or Penrose Elementary. The church has several rooms so it is set up well for an evacuation.

During a lock down security is stationed at the front door but inside the school everything else runs as usual. Any outside windows are covered and no students are allowed outside.

During a tornado drill all students must be away from exterior windows. They face the wall, heads down, on their knees.

During a shelter in place drill means they are practicing for danger in the school building. Doors are locked and windows are covered. Students sit away from the door. All the doors are checked and they listen for any activity as students should be silent.

Students took a Safe Survey on November 28 as part of a grant. The data from the survey will be used to determine what resources the school will use to help with safety issues.

Mr. Welch talked to Dr. Gledich at the principal meeting about hiring a School Resource Officer after the Mill Levy was passed since parents has brought up concerns. CSPD has to hire officers and these officers have to complete training so we don't have a time frame yet.

- Discipline

Didn't have time to discuss discipline data. Will add this to the agenda for January.

- Attendance

Sabin attendance is about 94%. This is good. Our attendance secretary, Joyce Vigil, does a great job of holding families accountable.

5) Unified Improvement Plan Updates

ANet tests for this quarter will be completed before winter break. We will be able to look at results in the January meeting.

6) Parent Strategies for Student Support Discussion

- D11 Mobile App

Kathy New from D11 Telecomm group discussed statistics that Mr. Welch can see from Blackboard also called the D11 Loop. Sabin has 934 followers, the second highest of any school beside Doherty High School. Mr. Welch can see all the messages that go out from Sabin. Parents can change how they get notified. They can receive emails, phone calls, or text messages. Parents can also change what they get notified about.

Teachers are being trained to use teacher messaging to students in their classes. This messaging just became available about one month ago. Several teachers at Sabin are starting to use this feature. LTE's and front office

- Parent Connect

From Parent Connect 388 families use Q. Information about 413 students has been accessed: 154 - sixth graders, 118 - seventh graders, and 141 - 8th graders. Some families have multiple students. This shows that many parents do not access student grade information. We need to look at data for Student Connect to see if students are using Q to check assignments and grades.

Next quarter Sabin is implementing a ZAP room. ZAP is for Zeroes Aren't Permitted. Students who have zeroes on assignments will have to eat lunch in the ZAP room and work on completing assignments. We are hoping this will help students become more accountable.

7) Budget Updates

A budget handout was provided. The magazine fundraiser SSA account went down because the bill had to be paid to the fundraising company

8) Good News

Sabin gathered 460 items and \$700 in cash for local Sabin families through Care and Share. Thanks to everyone who participated to help the community.

Both girls basketball teams placed 4th place out of 9 teams.

9) Upcoming School Events

Chamber Orchestra & Jazz Band concert – December 12 at Sabin

Health Survey – December 13

Winter Break – December 16 – January 3

10) Other Discussion

Asked about teacher morale. We were wondering how teachers are doing with the increased ANet testing and pressures. There have been some morale issues after the police incident earlier in the year and with two staff members who are suffering with illness. The Thanksgiving and Winter breaks will be welcome. We will continue to ask as the next semester is long without as many breaks as well as PARCC testing.