

Palmer SAC Minutes
May 9, 2019 7:00 – 8:28
in the Palmer Community Room

<u>Parent Members</u>		<u>School Members</u>		<u>Community & Student Members</u>	
Deirdre Aden-Smith (chair)	x	Michael Chamberlain	x	Michelle Elstun	x
Jaqueline Dowds Bennett	x	Kandy Claybaugh	x	Robin Hammitt	
Tom Remick		Lara Disney		Bailey Larson	
Carl Schueler (DAC)	x	Dan Geiser	x		
Kathy Solomon (secretary)	x				

The meeting was called to order by Deirdre at 7:05 a.m.

1. Minutes from last month were approved with a couple corrections.
2. USIP - Final USIP submittal was posted, but it still says draft.
3. District Accountability Committee (DAC)
 - Budget Subcommittee worked on staffing allocations and budget modifications. Full-day kindergarten is a financial win for D11. Official budget approval will take place in June.
 - Training – might also do SAC team building exercises next year.
 - DAC Chairman - Parth announced that he doesn't want to run again, so the chair position is open for next year.
 - Art was recognized at the DAC meeting as an outstanding volunteer for his work in the Palmer tutoring center.
4. Staffing and Funding
 - Palmer is also losing an Assistant Principal.
 - The MLO Oversight committee is discussing an amendment that will reduce class size ahead of schedule, backfilling with funds previously assigned to full day kindergarten.
 - Additional funding is available to gain 9th graders, to try to engage them before they become disengaged.
 - One D11 Board of Education member is pushing to get night school reinstated.
5. Testing
 - SAT scores were sent to Juniors (students), but schools cannot see these scores until June.
 - PSAT scores are also available now to students via College Board accounts.
 - ESL testing results were positive.
6. School Safety

Some additional doors at Palmer may be armed (have alarms). Palmer may have separate entrance and exit doors, which would help with attendance. Scanning out would be burdensome, but scanning in works well. There are a handful of kids who scan in, eat breakfast, leave school, come in for lunch, leave school, and ride the bus home.
7. SAC Officer Elections

SAC officers are up for election this month, but elections will be deferred to the beginning of the school year. Deirdre will not be continuing as SAC Chair.
8. Audit

Palmer did really well, earning a 95%. Some issues were found in Payroll with comp time, and a few timesheets were missing signatures. P-cards were missing some approvals; we now have additional visibility and can get

these approvals. Mary Pat is retiring so Palmer will have a new business manager, and there will be additional training on timecards.

9. Recent and Upcoming Activities

- Beren Alexander (10th grade) won individual performance level at state National History Day, and he will be going to nationals in Washington DC.
- Katherine (Koco) Kummel will be going to international Science Fair competition.
- Beautification Day on 5/18. New life Church has 163 volunteers coming in. Palmer Facilities acquires dirt, fertilizer, and flowers; the Alumni Association funds this. A few students who need service hours are coming in to help.
- Senior activities are in progress. The Brown and White ceremony was last night.
- Music programs are being held all week, and the performances have been amazing. Choir had some really sophisticated pieces. Men's choir is small but very good.
- Palmer band did well at the music competition in Canyon City.

10. Alumni

The Alumni Association will have a planning meeting this Saturday. There will be an ice cream social during the summer – no other meeting. 22 scholarship winners were selected, and awards will be presented at the senior brunch. Planning for homecoming and the Alumni Hall of Fame have already begun.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48. The next SAC meeting will be held in September.