

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC)
10/1/18

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew (Chair)
Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)
Steve Stepp

School Members:

Jared Welch (principal)
Becky Marsh (teacher)

Community Members:

The regular meeting was called to order by Neil in the Sabin Library at 6:05 pm.

1) Introductions

With the small number no introductions were needed.

2) Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3) Approve Minutes from August 27th

Minutes were approved except some confusion between Neil's overview which said we are on Turnaround Status, which we were on last year. We are currently on Improvement Status. The minutes from last month will be corrected to alleviate any confusion.

4) Staff Hire

French Teacher hired for the World Languages Course. There were a few grading issues as the new teacher got used to Q. The school is ordering material for French.

5) Gym Floor Update

The gym floor is complete and the school is using the gym as of 10/1. New bleachers are supposed to come in November. The bleachers are plastic. Some seating capacity will be lost.

6) SAC Training on Thursday, September 13

Steve Stepp, Suzanne Warmington, Neil Pettigrew, and Velvet Stepanek attended the SAC Training. The training was very useful. Parents shared a few comments that came from the training.

One school calls their SAC meeting a Second Cup of Coffee meeting so it sounds less intimidating to parents. Should we consider changing the name of our meeting so that it is more inviting to more parents?

The North principal gave a testimonial about the improvement in scores at North. The major point that he made that resonated with several parents was about getting students to buy into the test.

Mrs. Marsh discussed what GMP (Gifted Magnet Program) is planning to do to get more student buy in. On October 24th every student will get their CMAS Score Report. Assistant Principal Kelli Schneegass is going to explain what these scores mean. Students are going to use this data to help set goals for their Advanced Learning Plans. She stated teachers are buying into the value of the data from the CMAS test.

ELA scores went up this last year. Math needs to go up more. Teachers are trying to get problems in front of students. They are working on application of problems and conceptual math.

7) Open House Comments

Everyone agreed the open house was successful.

8) Advisory Groups

The Positive Action Curriculum will be started in mid-October. Neil Pettigrew will be making observations of the advisory groups and the implementing of the curriculum. He is also going to be making observations at Manitou Springs Middle School where they are using the same curriculum.

9) Preliminary USIP for 2018-19

Mr. Welch shared the three major improvement strategies.

1. Math: Lessons and instruction intentionally target major grade level content, skills, and aspect of rigor including complex and multi-step problem solving.
2. Defined instructional vision
3. Student Culture.

More details from each of these strategies is provided in the Sabin 18-19 Major Improvement Strategies Excel file.

Teachers are using ANet data to see how students are doing. Is the instruction teaching to standards and are students getting it? Working on improving writing. Students need to be able to do text to text comparison. Teachers are using reteaching circles to get small group instruction to help in areas where students need more help.

Sabin is a Capturing Kids Heart school. Every student should be greeted every period. Subs are also supposed to greet students. Students need to feel like they belong to help build the strong student culture. Teachers use the EXCEL model: Engage, Explore, Communicate, Empower, and Launch.

Students need to know the purpose for testing. What the test means and why we do it.

10) Budget updates

We looked at the budget without the SSA sheet. The SSA cleanup has not taken place yet. Steve Stepp asked about sorting the budget differently. There is a link to budgeting basics on the Sabin SAC site under References.

11) Good News

Gym is done and being used!

The Positive Action Curriculum is ready to start being used in Advisory. Advisory is going well so far this year.

Sabin 8th grade football lost only one game to Jenkins this year. 7th grade football has been working hard. Football is almost over.

Girls track has done well. Sabin didn't have as many girls as some years.

Wrestling has started.

43 students participated in the NJHS meeting of the year on Friday, September 28.

Aladdin tryouts are completed. The performance will be in November.

12) Upcoming School Events

October 3 – Pancake Breakfast/Count Day

October 24 & 25th – Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents asked for clubs to be added to the school calendar.

13) Other Discussion

We talked about there being more recognition for Academic Achievement. Maybe there need to be pictures of Academic Achievers just like there are pictures of the athletic teams.

We discussed about making sure parents know to look at Q to monitor their student's grades. Are teachers and the school communicating with parents about what they can see in Q?

We also had some discussion about teachers using the D11 loop for communication.