

Sabin Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC)
3/11/19

Attendance:

Parent Members:

Neil Pettigrew (Chair)

Chris Rucker

Velvet Stepanek (Secretary)

Suzanne Warmington

School Members:

Jared Welch (principal)

Bill Walker

Community Members:

The regular meeting was called to order by Neil in the Sabin Library at 6:00 pm.

1) Introductions

With the small number no introductions were needed.

2) Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved with an addition. Discuss the D11 layoffs from the Gazette article.

3) Approve Minutes from February

Minutes were approved.

4) How are budget cuts affecting Sabin?

- Sabin is losing 3 Full-Time Educators for next year. This is based on projected enrollments for next year. We are also losing a dropout prevention specialist that was shared with 3 other schools. Learning Technology Technicians hours and personnel are being changed. Currently, it looks like Sabin will have an LTT for 4 days per week.

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5) Master Schedule

- Sabin is looking at the Master Schedule to see what changes can be implemented to help improve learning. There is a team of 18 that is looking at the changes. Some of them shadowed students to see what their day looks like. There was a parent survey that went out. The group also talked with Sabin staff, district employees, and also community members to see. They looked at the number of hours students stay in seats.
- They are looking at block schedules, flexible schedules, possibly a zero hour, ability grouping, and gender grouping. They're still investigating constraints like buses.
- Exploratory classes may change.

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6) USIP Updates

- USIP is due to CDE by April 15.
- Third quarter ANet testing just occurred so there is no update to data at this time.
- Sabin is going to start taking the Aligned District Benchmark tests next year instead of ANet tests. Sabin teachers are okay with doing this because it is still a test with a schedule of assessed standards. The tools for looking at data are better for teachers.
- Grades were posted 3/11, report cards were available on this Friday.

7) School Budget and Finances

- We noted that even though the gym work is complete not all the funds have been disbursed. We looked some at SSA balances that have not been spent.

8) CMAS Testing

- April 9 is the start of the CMAS testing. Testing will happen April 9, 10, & 11 with makeups on April 16, 17, & 18.

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9) High School Statistics

- Majority of Sabin students go to Mitchell and Doherty. We typically have 15-20 students who choose Palmer and 4-5 that choose Coronado.

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10) Attendance Office Questions

- When teachers are pulling students out of class for a school activity, like 5th grade orientation, is the attendance office alerted so that students are not marked absent from class without an excuse. Mr. Welch said the office should be taking care of this. He will follow up.

11) Sabin Information Page

- Neil had picked up an information packet about middle schools. Some of the information is no longer correct. Mr. Welch informed us that updates have been made recently to information that goes out to parents.

12) Good News

- 5th grade visitations – Wilson, Carver, Rudy, Penrose, and Madison came to visit. WEB leaders do a great job helping to make these visits successful.
- Colorado Youth Citizenship Award – This is an award for 8th graders. Eight students are nominated from each school.
- All State Choir – Sabin had 9 students who were selected. A Sabin student sang a solo. Mr. Welch was able to attend the concert. We're very proud of our Sabin students who worked to do this.
- Capturing Kids Hearts rep came to visit with the process champions at Sabin. After observations he said that having additional teachers in the hallway has helped with behavior between periods.

13) Upcoming School Events

- May Open House for 5th grade parents
- Track starting for boys
- Volleyball starting for girls, there are two levels so more girls can play. There was a lot of girls that have come out do far.
- Jazz Band concert coming up
- Orchestra Concert with Mitchell Orchestra

14) Next Meeting: Monday, April 1 2019