School Advisory Committee Minutes

Webster Elementary School

November 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Agenda

1. SAC Chair and Co-chair Introduce themselves, open meeting, and extend welcome to attendees
2. Reminder to share first and last name in chat box for attendance purposes
3. Explain Chair and Co-chair roles, and member responsibilities
4. Acknowledge existing voting members, and encourage new membership
5. Reiterate future dates and meeting time
6. Vote on SAC dates/time, member roles
7. Share *Non-instructional Textbook Adoption Committee* needs and school level contact information: Rob Hall, Webster ILC or Tina Motley, Webster Interventionist

(Non-instructional members are needed on the Textbook Adoption Committee)

1. Review Title 1 Annual Meeting Info & Student/Parent/Teacher Compact
2. Update on School Events & Status

Questions & Answers

**11-19-20 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Tina Motley, April Barger, Bethany Groves, Alejandra Irizarry, Alexius Ferguson, Andrea Thomson, Jennifer Gurick, Terri Falk, Sine Rodney, Elizabeth Jennings, Emily Higgins, Sherri Joye, Fadi Freigi, Crystal Heindl

**Notes:**

Mrs. Motley opened the meeting by greeting all in attendance. She introduced herself and Mrs. Barger (chair & co-chair). She welcomed all retuning attendees and voting members, as well as new attendees. Mrs. Motley explained the duties of the SAC chair and co-chair. She also explained the purpose of the SAC Committee.

Mrs. Motley shared the importance of recruiting new members and asked attendees if they were interested in becoming members of the committee. The committee was able to recruit four parent volunteers to sit on the SAC committee. The SAC committee voted in favor of all for participants. *The new committee members are: Fadi Freigi, Crystal Heindle, Emily Higgins, Andrea Thompson, and Terri Falk.*

The committee discussed changing the SAC meeting time and future dates to coincide with PTO meetings in order to generate greater participation among shareholders. All future meetings will be held on the **third Thursday of each month at 5:30**, following PTO meetings. The SAC committee voted on the new dates and time change. All were in favor of this change.

Future meeting dates: 12/17/20, 1/21/21, 2/18/21, 3/25/21, 4/15/21, 5/20/21

Mrs. Motley shared information about the upcoming ELA textbook adoption. She shared the need for non-instructional members on this committee and asked if any shareholders would be interested in serving on the Non-Instructional Textbook Committee. Contact information was shared for interested parties. Those contacts are Mrs. Motley and Rob Hall. Email addresses and the school phone number were provided. The committee also discussed sharing this information through the weekly principal emails and school DOJO.

Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Gurick spoke on behalf of the textbook adoption committee. They further explained the steps the district takes to ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in curriculum decisions. Mr. Freigi also shared his experience serving on the committee.

Mrs. Groves presented the Student-Parent Teacher Compact. She explained the meaning of the compact and that our focus as a school is to help students invest in their learning. Students, parents, and teachers agree to this compact in order to work together to help students be successful in school and in life. A copy of the compact was sent home through homeroom classes and will also be shared on our school DOJO page.

Comments shared by Mrs. Groves:

-Addressed the student/parent/teacher compact and reminded us to look over and see if any changes need to be made. If so, we can discuss these items at the next SAC meeting.

-Distant Learning is dropping and she will know more at the next principal’s meeting.

-Students are making gains in reading and math.

-A grant has been provided by the state beginning January 2021. The monies will be used to pay teachers to tutor after school, media update, and playground makeover eventually.

-Art/Music will begin making virtual lessons online for students to access.

-budget- the state has not said how they will fund it. The financial impact is phenomenal. Updates will continue.

Mrs. Groves shared the plan for remodeling the media center this year. She also shared that one future goal is to receive enough support/funding for a playground refresh next year. More information to come regarding the playground refresh. The media center must be completed first.

Ms. Falk shared media center changes and that it is a HUB for the school. Resources include: STEM/computer programs, Computer Lab, and tons of resources available for teachers.

Mrs. Irizarry discussed theParent Resource Center. Is a great community outreach program for our students at Webster. Please let her or Mrs. Thompson know of any needs; such as food, etc. for students.

Mrs. Motley opened the floor for a question and answer session. The following questions were shared and discussed:

1. Mr. Freigi asked about COVID updates, and possible DL in the future.

Mrs. Groves stated we will follow state guidelines and she would have more details after the next principal’s meeting. She also stated that there may be a COVID relief grant coming soon that will provide the funds to offer opportunities for those DL students with academic achievement gaps. More information to come.

1. Mr. Freigi also asked how PTO/SAC could help support teachers. Possible needs of teachers/school? Celebrations and encouragement for faculty?

Mr. Friedi suggested PTO could send thankful notes to teachers

Shared responses included: celebrations regarding student achievement/The iReady Challenge, PBIS rewards, celebrations monthly to build school moral (National Pretzel Day, Pizza Dy, National Chocolate Week, notes to classroom teachers, etc.).

Ms. Barger shared the importance of the little things, such as the heartfelt teacher’s notes, a how they brighten a person’s day.

Mrs. Motley closed the meeting after all questions were answered.

The next meeting will be 12/17/20 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned around 6:40 p.m.