

Norton Elementary School

S.A.C. Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Meeting started at 5:03 p.m.

Members Present: Katherine Bailey, Tristin Ballentine, Nicole DeHart, Amy Drew, Kathrine Faenza, Cory Goeltzenleuchter, Elena Mayo, Kenetta Sutton

Members not in Attendance: Priscilla Brannon, Dave Garzon, Tim Montgomery, Dorothy Sullivan

Non-SAC Member in Attendance: Annie Harris, Laura Hudson

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda by E. Mayo and seconded by N. DeHart. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes: A motion for adoption was made by A. Drew and seconded by K. Bailey. Minutes were approved, with no changes, by unanimous vote.

Title I Home School Compact:

Ms. Ballentine has worked on a new/updated style of Home School Compact for the 23-24 school year. All members of the committee said they liked the new version more, citing that it was more inviting (K. Bailey) and user friendly (K. Faenza). K. Bailey asked about the term "Be Kind" and if it needed to be added to our Norton expectations. Mrs. Mayo said we planned to leave our original expectations for now. She also explained that we added a few new items to the "student responsibilities" section. K. Faenza also mentioned that there were items added from teacher input that she liked. No additional changes or adjustments were made.

Parent & Family Engagement Plan:

Mrs. Mayo highlighted some of the key bullet points and events that were kept and updated for the upcoming school year. Ms. Ballentine also mentioned a few new additions under "Staff Training" and "Communication". Teachers in attendance were appreciative of the parent communication folders/planners remaining as a priority. C. DeHart and A. Drew mentioned that it was well done from a parent perspective. There were a few typos that were mentioned and noted on a physical copy of the P&FEP that Ms. Ballentine will adjust accordingly.

Updates from Media Center:

L. Hudson introduced herself and provided a brief background on the media center. She announced there is new state legislation and what that means for teachers and their classrooms. She also discussed the difference between books that she teaches from, and those that are accessible to students in the library. Ms. Hudson mentioned that we had several books donated from 2nd and Charles to distribute to students. We will also be hosting a BOGO end-of-year

Scholastic Book Fair during the last two days of school. N. DeHart asked if it is possible to have more books available that are more affordable, or bargain books, for students to purchase.

Budget Update:

- **ADV**
 - o This budget requires the principal to inform, but not require SAC approval, to spend funds.
 - o Remains the same as the previous meeting, with the exception of IIC funds that were discussed.
- **LOT**
 - o This budget requires SAC approval before spending.
 - o This also remains the same as the previous meeting.
- **Teacher LED - \$3,100.34**
- **Requested Items**
 - ↳ **Scholastic and Time for Kids: From either Teacher Lead or ADV. Total - \$2,000**
 - These have been beneficial in our classrooms integrating Science, ELA and Social Studies for students.
 - N. DeHart made a motion to approve this purchase and K. Faenza seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
 - ↳ **Shred It: ADV - \$700**
 - This is used to shred all documents at the end of the year that include any and all student and staff information.
 - K. Bailey made a motion to approve this purchase and T. Ballentine seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

News Items:

- **Testing Updates**
 - The majority of K-2 ELA testing is completed. Three teachers are still pulling small groups and working on make-up testing. Overall, we are beginning to see the district growth we wanted. Grades 3-5 have just started ELA testing. We are hoping to have the majority completed by the end of the week. Math will begin the following week. We are not releasing 3rd grade scores until we have ALL scores in.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week:** Currently happening this week. PTA hosted a very nice luncheon on Monday. The leadership team has been doing something for teachers and staff each day as well.
 - **School Carnival:** This event will be on May 25th during the school day. Mrs. Mayo is following up with Mr. Garlock about getting parent volunteers. K. Bailey asked if we were asking for donations from parents for the carnival? Mrs. Mayo explained that Mr. Garlock is working on that. PBIS has also decided that instead of a cake walk, the committee decided to do a "chip walk".
 - **Fifth Grade Celebration:** May 31st, in the cafeteria. K. Bailey mentioned parent requests to keep it earlier in the day, due to other graduation events & conflicts.

- **Summer School**

- We are currently looking at hosting six general education classes (K, 1st, 2nd, two 3rd, and 4th). We are targeting our bubble students that can make a large amount of progress in a limited amount of time. Each group will be 12 students.
- We will also have one Pre-K/ESE class and another ESE class, we are hosting from Talbot. There is potential to have a 3rd ESE unit.

Community Input:

- No new community input

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: A motion for adjournment was made by T. Ballentine and seconded by A. Drew. All members were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the start of the 2024 school year.