

Norton Elementary School

S.A.C. Minutes

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

Meeting started at 5:03 p.m.

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

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

Non-SAC Member in Attendance: Pauline Watson

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made to amend the agenda to include "adoption of agenda", in combination with adopting the newly amended agenda. Motion was made by K. Bailey and seconded by K. Sutton. The newly amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes: A motion for adoption was made by K. Sutton and seconded by C. Goeltzenleuchter. Minutes were approved with no changes by unanimous vote.

School Improvement Plan:

Mrs. Mayo reviewed the key components of our focus groups and strategies we are using to achieve school goals. She highlighted a few areas that Title I information had been added since last reviewed. The SIP remained the same as last time we reviewed with the exception of those additions..

ABC Scorecard:

Mrs. Mayo reviewed the Norton ABC scorecard, highlighting district and Norton targets, with the committee. She will repeat this practice with the entire Norton staff on their upcoming PD Day in January. ABC = Attendance, Behavior and Core Academics.

Attendance - Norton is just below the district average. We are currently not making our goal. Our group with the biggest attendance gap is our students with disabilities. Mrs. Hill, our family liaison, is working really hard to get students to school. Lots of students here on zoning exemptions, however, she's getting creative with resources and assistance.

Behavior - The SAC committee discussed the year end goal. Mrs. Mayo explained that the current numbers primarily reflect one student who is no longer attending Norton. She also explained the referral process and how it is not on their permanent record unless processed officially. Mrs. Mayo explained the new BRT, focuses on the positive behavior strategies, and is consistent with data. She also explained the removal of the clip chart from classrooms and other strategies we are providing to teachers to help with classroom management. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if out of school suspensions counted as an absence (yes).

Core academics - These numbers are based on BOY measures. Norton is closest to being representative of the district as a whole. Our scores typically fall at district average or just

below. We are currently working to get an item analysis on 3rd grade science and how it may not be aligned. Mrs. Mayo reviewed the data and how Norton compared to the district numbers (Scorecard and handout with data provided).

Academic Update:

Intervention Summary:

- 137 students receiving ELA support - depending on needs of students. Reading has been our priority due to its impacts on all subject areas.
- 36 students receiving Math support
- 30 students in addition to these numbers are receiving ESE support

UFLi -

- Implementation happening in grades K-3. We are looking at mid-year data for 3rd, to see if there is still a whole group need or if we should adjust to small groups. K. Faenza mentioned the improvements she's seen in the area of phonics, and specifically writing.

SIPPS -

- Implementation in grades 4-5. The program focuses on multisyllabic and chunking words.

Fluency -

- We are continuing the DIBELS program throughout all grade levels, as we have seen huge gains in data from last year.

N. DeHart asked about the funds for High Dose Tutors and if there is somewhere else we could supplement if we lose those funds next year. Discussion continued regarding the needs of a Family Liaison funding from the same ESSER funds. DeHart asked about how they can help keep her and plans to reach out to School Board Members.

Upcoming Parent Nights -

- Middle School Transition Night (January 5th)
 - Westwood guidance counselor will attend and lead. Magnet information posted online - first open house on January 11th so we like to host this event prior.
- F.A.S.T. Parent Night (February 16th)
 - We plan to use the second round of scores to explain to families. Percentile rankings came after initial score reports were sent home.
- Publix Math Night (May)

Budget Update:

- ADV - \$9,521.49
 - o This budget requires the principal to inform, but not require SAC approval, to spend funds.
 - o Teacher Summer Training \$5,955.24 spent
- LOT - \$1,488.70
 - o This budget requires SAC approval before spending.
- Teacher LED - \$3,100.34
 - o Teachers who do not utilize their Class Wallet, have remaining funds disbursed to this account.

- Request: Generation Genius - \$1,795*
 - Mrs. Watson, our gifted teacher, explained the program and how immersive it is for students. Diverse videos are available for students, presenting math and science and showing real-life skills.
 - N. DeHart asked if it would be available for all students (Yes, it is available in PreK-5 and also available for use at home).
 - T. Ballentine asked which budget it would come out of and if there was a way to track usage (It would come from the Teacher LED fund and Mrs. Watson will find out about tracking usage).
 - C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if it would be sustainable to pay for each year and if any other schools are using it in Alachua County (Yes, we would pull from SAC or other funds each year if teachers were utilizing and students are benefitting. Some other Alachua County schools are using the program).
 - K. Bailey asked what resources may be available from the program. (Watson mentioned quizzes and resources available for teacher use. Mrs. Mayo mentioned that the standards are listed).
 - K. Faenza asked if it would be possible to add it to the portal for our students - Mayo mentioned asking K. Ford, our new tech coach, if that would be possible (Mrs. Watson will follow up with Ms. Ballentine with more information).
 - N. DeHart made a motion to approve. K. Sutton seconded. Motion passed unanimously out of the teacher LED budget.
 - **Follow-up information per Mrs. Watson:** Mrs. Watson reached out to K. Ford who reported back that it has been approved for teacher use. They are still diving into the program before they can approve it for student use to be added to the portal. Regarding tracking use - the program representative responded, "If this is for a school-wide license, there won't be a way to track individual teacher usage because school licenses utilize a shared login for all users in the school." Mrs. Watson suggested tracking by individual teachers with shared personal feedback.

News Items:

- **Book Fair**
 - Book fair is currently happening now. We are at about \$4,000 monies raised, before the Family Night tonight. All money goes back to the media center.
- **Upcoming Training for Faculty**
 - Training/PD day regarding the ABC report card coming in early January.
- **Teacher Shortage/Allocations**
 - The teacher and para shortage remains. We just hired a new teacher who is very excited and eager to learn. She will be taking on the K & 3 position. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if UF tracks how many interns stay within the county (No). Salary and required qualifications don't often match for para positions.

- **Advanced Math**

- About 37 students started the program and only two students have moved out so far. Pacing is quick. Two students who were retained based on ELA scores, were able to participate in advanced math and may be able make up credits later.

Community Input:

- T. Ballentine gave a shout out for the holiday celebrations Norton-wide. Brannon is awesome and has taken responsibility for all guesses and answers to the holiday storybook challenge.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 21, 2023