

Norton Elementary School
S.A.C. Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Members Present: Tristin Ballentine, Nicole DeHart, Kathrine Faenza, Marlee Follman, Cory Goeltzenleuchter, Sherrie Luhrman, Mark Maness, Elena Mayo, Amy Owens

Members not in Attendance: Kim Caton, Zach Frey, Dave Garzon

Non-SAC Members in Attendance: Annie Harris

Approval of May Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the minutes by N. DeHart and seconded by C. Goeltzenleuchter. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

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

Election of Officers: A motion was made by K. Faenza, seconded by N. DeHart, to nominate T. Ballentine to be secretary. The motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by T. Ballentine, seconded by C. Goeltzenleuchter, to nominate K. Faenza as president. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Adoption of SAC Meeting Dates: A motion was made by N. DeHart, seconded by T. Ballentine, to adopt the SAC meeting date calendar. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

School Improvement Plan: Mrs. Mayo reviewed our current School Improvement Plan. She specifically reviewed end-of-year scores and how we achieved our goal of 52% achievement from last year, with a score of 54%. We increased in ELA and Math achievement, however, we have decreased when compared to 2022 scores. Our bottom quartile students grew significantly compared to on-grade level peers. Science is an area of focus for us, down from 2022 but up from 2023, and came closer to the district average. Mrs. Mayo also reviewed subgroup data and elaborated that our plans for remediation are working for our bottom quartile students. We increased in points achieved for all subgroup areas, especially with our ELL students. We have two subgroups still underperforming the 41% goal, which is our Student with Disabilities and our African American student subgroups. M. Maness asked about where our Asian demographic subgroup was represented and E. Mayo explained that you have to have at least 10% to form a subgroup, which is why they aren't listed. Mrs. Mayo explained that we are trying new strategies with our ESE subgroup, with a push-in math model in both 3rd and 5th grades. She also highlighted areas of focus, "Measurable outcomes", listed on page 23. For math, we will implement professional development as a book study with our district math specialist, Mackenzie McNickle and our IIC, Ms. Ballentine. Mrs. Mayo will lead a writing rope book study

for ELA teachers, focusing on how to improve reading with writing. Mrs. Mayo also reviewed Morpheme Magic, which will help with comprehension skills in 4th and 5th. Our other area of focus is on PBIS, utilizing a book study on Conscience Discipline with specials, PreK, etc. teaching students how to have natural reactions. We have implemented a new cup system in the cafeteria that already seems to be having an overall impact. Mrs. Mayo went on to explain that we are a Title I funded school, demonstrating what it pays for and how we meet our Title I requirements. She also discussed that we are currently an ATSI school and if we do not make our goals with our two subgroups, we will become a CSI school. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if the requirements change for the school goals when we are an Opportunity Scholarship school. Mayo explained that they do not change and provided information about our increase of students, about 12 this year.

There was a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan made by C. Goeltzenleuchter and seconded by N. DeHart. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Budget Update:

- ADV - \$10,004.52
 - Budget requires the principal to inform, but not require SAC approval, to spend.
 - Conscience Discipline - \$599.88
 - The Writing Rope - \$418.20
- LOT - \$1,488.70
 - We have not seen an increase in this for several years. This does require SAC to approve.
- Teacher LED - \$3,629.22
 - This comes from teachers who do not spend their money given from Class Wallet. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if we could approve the SAC to provide the incoming teacher the \$375 class wallet to them. A motion was made by C. Goeltzenleuchter, seconded by T. Ballentine, and approved by unanimous vote.

News Items:

- **Instructional Units**
 - Kindergarten is currently rostered at 20-21 students. We do have an open position posted to alleviate the class sizes. We are not starting the class until we have a teacher, so we do not disturb the educational setting for the students.
 - Current enrollment is at the same number of students as last year.
 - Our PreK numbers are currently lower than last year, but will most likely grow.
 - We are losing two portables that are currently being rented.
- **School Safety**
 - State statute says that all doors must be locked, including doors between different buildings. We are navigating how to problem-solve this for staff who do not have keys to other buildings.
 - We must also have a single point of entry and keep the bus gate locked or manned at all times.

- C. Goeltzeneluchter asked if there was a plan for keys in the future. E. Mayo explained that we are awaiting more information from the state and district. There will be fencing being put in at the front of the school to secure 4th/5th classrooms. Other adjustments to fencing and an intercom system near the front office may also occur soon. We are currently under an exemption for all quad doors to remain unlocked. We also may eventually move to key fobs.
 - M. Maness mentioned the palmetto tree that blocks visibility near the crosswalk where many students are crossing. He volunteered to trim the plant back to help increase student safety.
 - E. Mayo expressed that trying to balance maintaining an open campus for families while also keeping school safety a priority. We will have to raptor/background check those in attendance for all performances. We are looking at getting an additional system and having a stream-lined system to check-in families to make it faster.
- **Morning Mile starting soon**

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by M. Maness and seconded by N. DeHart. All members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 4th, 2024.