

Westside Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023

Voting Members Present: Stephanie Woodbury, Jaimee Antinore, Emily Barneman, Patrick Gunter, Beth McKinney, Tricia Pelletier, Brianne Tison

Members absent (*excused): Larry Carr, Patrick Huston, Maria Cruz-Martinez, Loretta Dozier, Sonia Edinboro, Roxanne Knowles, Brande Martin, Brenda Taylor

Visitors Present: Scott Jost

Meeting called to order at 3:08 pm

School Advisory Council (S.A.C.)

- Welcome extended to committee members and visitors by Brianne Tison
- Agenda was reviewed and accepted (with changes)
- Ms. Pelletier read the minutes from the May 2023 meeting.
- Minutes were accepted (with changes)

Action Items:

- Treasurer's Report- \$3,897.08
- Request for funds- none

Chair Comments-

- We have new S.A.C. rules which state we only need to have 4 meetings per year instead of 8. We need to decide if we schedule the four meetings ahead of time, and/or cancel them as needed. Voting was unanimous to schedule the dates ahead of time, on the 3rd Monday of each month, with an email reminder beforehand.
- We will be implementing the Rolling Reader program through BPS. Our VPK and kindergarten students will have (Bogo) volunteers reading for 30 minutes a week. 1st and 2nd grade classes will have volunteers tutoring 1 hour a week, with 3 groups of students for 20 minutes each. They will be using a primary phonics program with 18 students in total. The max cost is \$1,500.00 for the year starting September 18th and running through April or May. We will use S.A.C. funds for this in April.

- Membership updates: All members are up to date, but our elected positions need to be voted on. Anybody that would like to have a position is welcome to come forward at the next meeting. We also have members that need to be taken off the list that do not show up for meetings. Our newest members will be voted in by the September meeting.

Visitor Comments:

- Mr. Jost shared that any new books purchased for the school needs to be looked at by the stakeholders of the school.
- There is a list of new books being considered for purchase on the back of today's agenda for everyone to look through.
- A new S.A.C. corner will be added to the Westside home page for anyone to look at these, or any other, books.

Principal Comments-

- Our staff looked at our school data during preplanning, I am sharing the same information with you today, then we will move towards the SIP for this year. The draft is due on the 30th.
- A full breakdown of the data is available on our school website.
- We looked at KLS, PASI/PSI, and I-ready data to get a better picture of our younger students.
- Retentions are more in primary grades to catch them earlier. We have less retentions this year.
- The Youth Truth survey showed that students felt safe and respected. They would like to be more engaged in hands-on learning and student-led discussions.
- Our enrollment is 841 students. We are fully hired with the expectation that we will be approved for another primary and possibly another activity teacher.
- We were allocated a media assistant, and Mrs. Lies has accepted the position.
- We are also getting another campus monitor. Mr. Ruddock has worked night security and is a Boys and Girls Club mentor.

Fundraiser reports/ideas-

- "Talk Like a Pirate Day" is in the works.
- We have a new school mascot to be named. This will be used as a food drive by our P.T.O.

- The canopy shade for the playground hasn't shown up yet.
- We will have a toy drive on Open House night for donations to the PBIS store.

Parent/Member Comments-none

pcoming events-

- Ø Aug 28th-Sept 8th- Book Fair
- Ø Aug 31st-Open House 5-6:30
- Ø Sept 4th-Labor Day
- Ø Sept 6th-13th-F.A.S.T. Progressing Monitoring
- Ø Sept 11th- Patriot's Day
- Ø Sept 11th-15th-Explorer Exchange
- Ø Sept 15th-Dot Day
- Ø Sept 18th-Interims posted
- Ø Sept 25th-Vision and Hearing testing
- Ø Sept 27th-Family Science Night

BIN: Vote for elected positions. Send out nomination forms for new S.A.C. members

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Next meeting: September 18, 2023

Minutes submitted by Tricia Pelletier