

Minutes from the BRMS SAC Meeting of March 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m. by R. Batista, Chairman

Those in Attendance: R. Batista, B. Baietto, K. Zenon-Richardson, Ms. Cucci, E. Guinipa, B. Trombetta, K. Brand, A. Dougherty, B. Sauerbier, C. Cooper. A. Dix

Virtually: Ms. Skeddler(sp?)

Approval of Minutes from January 2023 Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by B. Trombetta seconded by K. Brand and ALL in favor.

Midyear Update on School Improvement Plan

Very good news three of our top goals in the Federal Index Progress we are currently at 41% with our mid year data. Attendance, mentoring progress have helped much in this area.

Discussed ESOL Community Engagement and opportunities to collaborate and parent university for collaboration with members from the district. Students with Disabilities we have room to grow. We want 41% but currently we are at 32%. In Intensive Reading classes are doing more data chats.

Where are at 47% proficiency for ELA at this time and the last faculty meeting we met with the district to know where we go from here and expand. Math is at 71% proficiency and developing thinking classrooms. Cat Brown is leading all of this.

Our final school grade is projected to be a C. This state has not given us a formula. We are looking at different scenarios. School Data alone or schools across the district. We just don't know how we will be judged so we are waiting.

Implementation of the BEST standards and now testing with the FAST test 3 times per year which is different from the end of year test proves a challenge to officially determine what our grade will be. The district has come to work with us on SIOP.

Principal's Report Regular Business (Principals' report given at meeting)

Academics every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is ZAP for getting caught up. The data shows how we scored as a school for PM1, PM2 and District Assessment. The ELA curriculum is written but does not include completing the reading of a full novel and build stamina for reading and engagement in reading. The district comes in every week and is confident we will be where we need to be. Kids need to be reading constantly. Build in literacy every single day. The district does have Parent University etc. but the media on it is lacking. As a school we have nights where we educate our ESOL parents and we need to get to bring more Parent University back to BRMS and bring parents in. The new ELA curriculum is tied to BEST along with Math. Novels will be included in the curriculum for next year.

Behavior . Tardies could be 7 times a day and they add up and we try to take them out of the picture. Total 1, 134 for this year. We cannot have kids disrupting the learning of others. It is very important for students to be able to learn in their class. Mentoring and trying to teach them that this is not how you act. Teaching them the why it is important. Minor things are still there – very strict cell phone policy, turn it off and put it away. We have about 830 students here.

Culture the kids know we love them. About 10% have 5 or more referrals and when most of them are tardies then most kids are doing the right thing. 90% of the students are doing the right thing. Our PBIS reward system is doing very well. It is a great reward for the kids. Some of the staff who are going to play dodgeball with the kids Thursday as a reward. The kids get more points for responsibility than anything. Our science fair winners and two are going to state, Drake Trombetta and Riley Dotson. TSA rocked in the top 10 for the entire state. Spring break coming soon and much needed.

Public Comments

Basketball games were very well turned out and very nice. Moving into Flag Football and Volleyball conditioning is on Thursday.

Comment about a call was made that all parents got and is there any way we could get a little more details to know how to talk to our children. Please talk to your kids about things and the district hovers over what is said etc. and so no one is in a panic. The phone calls are more to keep parents informed about immediate information that can be shared and to stop the rumors. Maybe a follow-up after the investigation is done.

Is there an 8th grade commencement ceremony, we are looking to get all that information out before spring break. There is an 8th grade field trip and an 8th grade dance. There is consideration for a promotion ceremony or an achievement ceremony and for those who will be going on to high school. May 18th is the field trip and the 19th is the dance and the Tuesday or Wednesday of the last week may be the achievement ceremony. The achievement ceremony might motivate some of those unmotivated students who think HOPE is the way to go. Gradventure is not happening this year. Pricing for the busses was out of control.

Motion to Adjourn made by K. Brand seconded motion by J. Beach at 6:26 p.m. All in favor.

Next Meeting: SAC Executive Meeting on 3/28 @ 10:00AM via Teams

SAC General Meeting on 4/11 @ 5:30PM