

September 16, 2019

SAC Minutes

Present: Kudelko, Wood, Bohlmann, Barlaug, Hart, Kundrat, Flanigan, Howard, Wade (Kyler), Wade (Kasey), Piantinada, Piantinada Max, Palacios (Mrs.), Palacios (Mr.), Stroup, Navarro

Called to order 6:01 PM by Kundrat

Barlaug: (standing in for Sloman) postpone voting issues for now. Voting issues will have to be done by e-mail unless another member shows up.

Kundrat: By-laws issue regarding limitation of voting members. District is discussing at a workshop. Table number of voting members until more information is available. Concern that if only 10 voting members allowed, other members may not show. For now we will continue with last year's by-laws until board provides further information. Can continue to vote using last year's by-laws.

1. Approval of by-laws: motion to keep last year's by-laws until further information provided by district made by Wood, seconded by Flanigan. Discussion: Will this affect likelihood of a quorum. Significant votes Mrs. Barlaug will e-mail requesting votes from missing members to bring to meeting. Quorum is 51% of total members. Called for a vote – approved unanimously.
2. Approval of April minutes: Barlaug motioned, seconded by Kudelko. Approved unanimously.
3. Review of August minutes: Changes - remove Potter from voting members. Howard motioned to approve August minutes with change. Seconded by Barlaug. Approved unanimously.
4. Admin report: Barlaug
 - a. 903 students current enrollment
 - b. 1 unit lost due to enrollment on 10-day count; no student schedules affected; allocations will not change; class average will still be below requirements
 - c. Afterschool tutoring and homework help starts 9/30 (M-Th; 4:15-5:00 pm); parents must provide transportation; no sign up necessary
 - d. Cross country running through 10-22-19, a couple of extra runs this year
 - e. Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser very successful. Fourteen 8th graders earned field trip; 5 students earned limo lunch.
 - f. FTE survey begins 10/7 – students' presence determines funding
 - g. End of Quarter celebration 10/11 (based on behavior and grades)
 - h. No school 10/14 – end of quarter
 - i. Progress reports and picture day last week (retakes 10/11)
 - j. All doors locked until 8:45; Deputy on campus all day
 - k. FBLA first meeting this Thursday – students learn how to prepare for various business practices
 - l. CTSO Rally is Sat., 9/21. (career programs meet at BRHS)
 - m. Blue Ribbon site visit next Thursday and Friday. Paperwork being completed. 857 surveys started, over 700 completed. Only 14% of parents.
5. SIP Approval – Kundrat (narrowed down to 5 goals from previous 9); review of goals and requirements to show gains (Kundrat/Barlaug); motion to approve as presented by Barlaug, seconded by Wood. Discussion: What are ELL students? English language learners. Why is math goal only 1%? Already much higher than district or state

level. What is offered for gifted students? All students serviced by at least one gifted teacher; offered higher level courses/honors courses. How do you identify who the gifted teachers are? Gifted teachers must have certification. Called to vote: motion approved unanimously.

6. School Uniform Discussion (Kundrat): clothing for all students an issue (more for girls); uniform policy attached; requires a super majority required by SAC before it could go further; many parents have expressed thoughts that mornings are an issue debating what will be worn; uniforms not always liked by students, but does prevent potential dress code issues. Presenting the idea that a school uniform policy be put into place for next year. Many details would have to be worked out prior to implementation. Short one for super majority vote this evening. Kudelko: in favor, clarification on what would be required. 51% of parents have to participate in vote and of those participating, 51% would have to approve to pass. Johnson is the only middle school that currently has uniforms. Barlaug: personal experience has been favorable and she is in favor to reduce dress code issues and promote positive school culture. Helps with socio-economic issues. Could start with a simple uniform such as a Haile shirt, plain shirts, and pants with no holes. Howard: What are some reasons parents are against? Squelches individuality, freedom of expression, students dislike. Not a lot of enforcement at the elementary level – 5th to 6th transition difficult. Palacios: Would girls wear skirts? Pants and shorts are a better recommendation. Perhaps save school logo t-shirts for Fridays. Wade: more variety needed so that students do not feel limited. Piantinada, Max: can school sell shirts at a profit? Yes, which can help with funding for low-income students. Navarro: each grade level could have a color. Piantinada: not in favor of uniforms; feels like it does not have actual savings because you are still providing two wardrobes, difficult for divorced families, boys are more comfortable than girls in this type of clothing; Bohlmann: socio-economic factor is still a concern because students find a way to pick out the “expensive” clothes. Sweatshirts or jackets would have to be Haile.

Because we do not have a quorum to vote, SAC would have to approve either by e-mail or next meeting (make sure absent members have access to tonight’s discussion prior to a vote) then, if approved, a committee would work on details prior to submitting to parents for a vote. Timeline is still tentative because this has never been done before.

Mrs. Barlaug will send the notes from discussion out to all of SAC to review; provide feedback and further input prior to sending out for a vote. Will discuss with feeder schools to see if they will also work on this.

7. Agenda items for next meeting; kundratt@manateeschools.net.
 - a. Pothole in car line (loop closes to soccer field)
 - b. Backpack weight issue
8. Monday, October 21 will be next meeting at 6 pm
9. Flanigan motioned to adjourn at 7:01; seconded by Flanigan. Approved unanimously.