

School Advisory Council – SAC

Bashaw Elementary

Date: Sept 18, 2019

Attendance: Mario Mendoza (Principal), Beth Marshall (AP), David Morgan (SAC Chair), Joseph Beauchamp (Parent), Holly Wilson (Gr 2 teacher), Marsha Wilson (KG teacher), Liz Greenwell (Para), Rossana Tello (parent), Kayla Manzik (parent), Elvia Colon (parent)

Mr. Mendoza called the meeting to order; Mr. Morgan second.

Notes:

Mr. Mendoza explained the voting members process. There is a limit of 10 voting members; however, he reiterated the importance of anyone feeling free to attend and participate. He explained the benefits of being able to have an opinion and have your voice heard at the school. Mr. Morgan clarified that the rule of 10 is a district rule; rather than state. He explained the demographics of the school; SAC membership must mirror that demographic. Currently: 42% white, 32% Hispanic, 19% Black (equals 2 black, 3 Hispanic, 4 white members). We can have one more voting member if someone is interested.

Votes were cast and collected. Attendees voted for like groups (staff vote for staff, parents vote for parents, etc.). Members voted & recorded their information on the SAC roster.

Mr. Mendoza shared a School Improvement at a Glance document (see attached). This summarizes the School Improvement Plan (SIP) of the school. It also details the recommendation of SIP funds voted on in the future. Mr. Morgan called for a vote to approve the SIP of the 19/20 school year. Unanimously voted on to accept the SIP as presented.

Mr. Mendoza explained the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence process in which we are participating this year. The surveys have gone out already to all stakeholders; the site visits are next week, Sept. 23rd and 24th. He requested parents to come talk to the committee next week on the 23rd at 8:15 a.m. That will be a specific parent group interview. They will also visit classrooms on those days as well as talk to Admin, students and staff.

No Nit Policy: Mr. Mendoza presented the background of this through the CDC's guidelines. Recommendation is to have a No Nit policy in efforts to extinguish this problem at our school. Parents would be contacted and asked to pick their child up, treat the nits and not return until treatment is complete and the student is completely nit and lice free. Mr. Mendoza asked for comments. SAC members and attendees were unanimously in favor of supporting such a practice in our clinic and school.

Healthy Schools: A handout was provided detailing the Healthy Schools Nutrition Policy. This policy has been in place for several years; we want to look at enforcement of it here at Bashaw. The policy has been posted on the school website, and we will promote more in the coming weeks. We will set a deadline of full enforcement (Nov. 1st?) after a period of education. Discussion was about the snack options; how this works with allergies; how it applies to what we do here at school. Promotion will need to be done about the celebration baskets that can be provided by the cafeteria.

Specifics of exceptions? Report back/ Beth sent policy to Mario

Mr. Morgan talked about the District SAC Meeting. The next one is Oct. 23rd at MTC. He gave some ideas of some topics they have covered in the past. He also shared about the Parent Task Force and its role in the process and district.

Safe Learning Environment Committee: Updates given on safety & security procedures this year (Lockdown drills, Threat Assessment Team – formation & purpose, same guardian as last year, next phase of Magnetic Locks).

Opportunity to ask questions or express concerns: Mr. Beauchamp asked whether the lockdown card calls 911 automatically; Mendoza explained the Panic button and its purpose. Morgan asked about cameras and the work done on them in the past; Marshall said the district is very responsive about repair. Ms. Colon asked about additional assistance for IND classroom. Marshall explained about the many different people that assist without specifically being asked or assigned.

We made a note to share the positives about our guardian, Mr. Troy Schmidt. We want to share this with him and his supervisor.

Question came up about meeting day & time being changed. Agreement that meeting needs to work for voting members. 6:00 was agreed upon by the voting members. Suggestion made to rotate days. Agreement to move to Thursdays, but stick to first of month.

Mr. Morgan shared about the Irregular Zoning Committee work that has begun. It will be discussed more at the next meeting. Mendoza welcomes parents to join that group.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mendoza shared about the teamwork that he has seen a lot of here at Bashaw. He referenced the new teacher joining recently due to the enrollment numbers; how she was treated and what she sees around the campus. He thanked the staff and parents who are here to be at SAC. He has felt very welcomed here.

Motion to close meeting: Mendoza Second by: Beauchamp

Next meeting: Thurs., Oct. 3rd at 6:00 p.m.