

MINUTES

School Advisory Council

Date | time 9/22/2016 6:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Shaunte Deas-Banks

In Attendance

Lewis Blessing, Christy Hanna, Amber Kristian, Robin Wood, Shaunte Deas-Banks, Deborah Thomas, Beth Bass, Libby Farmer, Tara Jihad, Jessica Goodman-Taylor Pitts, Alex Jordan, Brooke Pautsch, Martha Cummings

EXCUSED: Peggy Benton

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Shaunte Deas-Banks; the agenda was approved as printed. The August minutes were read and approved.

Board

The SAC new members were introduced; all other members introduced themselves too.

Principal Update

Principal Blessing welcomed new members, business partners, and faculty & staff to SAC. There are nine new teachers to Montford this year and they are off to a great start this year.

Hurricane Hermine left us unscathed aside from trees needing to be cleared for the Cross Country meet. Our football team is 2-1 and our volleyball is undefeated.

We have funds for 14 more flat screen monitors for the 6th grade wing to be installed in November probably the week of Thanksgiving on that Monday thru Wednesday; the school will be open those days. That will leave 9 more to complete the entire school. Money used was from PTSO, the general budget, and before/afterschool programs also chip in; it helps to save money which allows us to carry money forward to use. One cart will be purchased to enable us to move one monitor around from building to building if necessary.

School Improvement Plan

Dr. Thomas informed us that Peggy Benton is attending DAC tonight which is why she is excused. Dr. Thomas distributed the S.I.P. to SAC members to peruse and approve. Goals were distributed in the packet and she indicated that our main focus is to move the lowest 25% in Reading & Math up as well as the other levels. Proficiency is Level 3. Science was 67% for last year's 8th grade class; we want to move them up to 70% as indicated on the "SIP Goal Worksheet" in the packet.

We did not get the SIP money from the state per Mr. Blessing but we still have TEC money for Professional Training along with Title II funds. We will use the July data to drive our methods and strategies to achieve our goals for this year. Mr. Blessing states that we are still learning more about FSA and continue to focus on all students to achieve proficiency. Mrs. Farmer asked if we concentrate on the "bubble students" and Mr. Blessings stated that we focus on the bottom 35% compared to the state which focuses on the bottom 25%.

We utilize Achieve 3000 where coupled with performance, it equates to proficiency for reading standards. Mrs. Hanna has informed teachers that they can "copy & paste" any article to word for readability and lexile level.

Teachers discuss the S.I.P. in department meetings to recommend strategies; the writing test is more of a reading test. Mrs. Wood states that all subject areas work to improve reading and writing.

Dr. Thomas asked SAC members if they needed to peruse and suggest any changes by tomorrow. The SAC voted to approve the School Improvement Plan as is.

DAC

Peggy Benton is attending DAC tonight.

Mr. Blessings states that Ms. Fain is doing great things in her class; they are making lotions, lip balm, etc. The "Web Tools" class is going well; currently, we don't know if there will be more offerings. More offerings will depend on the staffing plan.

PTSO

The PTSO launched a patron program; these letters were sent home with kids. The patron program has set a goal \$15,000 as it is the only fundraiser. Business partners are at \$400 level. We will continue "Pizza Sales" monthly; we have had one and will have one tomorrow.

The online spirit store is up and running. Volleyball has been waiting on their shirts; they may contact the PTSO for problems associated with ordering. The online store will be launched for everyone to use soon.

Laura Ervin is recruiting business partners to host the faculty breakfast; LCS volunteer applications are available for the county.

Old Business

No old business

Next Meeting

10/20/2016 6:00 PM, Montford

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 pm