

## **SAC Meeting Minutes—October 27, 2020**

- The meeting was brought to order at 6 PM by Mr. Stachnik
- Mr. Stachnik welcomed SAC members and introduced himself as the new SAC Chair.
- Mr. Stachnik thanked Mr. Minor and his wife for their many years of service to SAC.

### **Principal Report**

- Budget for 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks (incl. School Improvement)

Mr. Cook described several areas of the Rickards budget. He reported several areas of the budget have carry forward dollars. The school improvement budget has about \$11 thousand remaining from last year and has not received an allocation for this year. Mr. Cook reports the school has been fiscally responsible and offered members to contact him at any time if they wish to have a copy of the budgets.

- Saturday School

Saturday school is scheduled to start November 14 for EOC, IB and AP courses. There will be options for Brick and Mortar (BM) and Digital Academy (DA) students.

- Testing

ASVAB testing went well last week. BM and DA students are being kept separate to maintain safety. Mr. Cook reports that no testing requirements for Seniors as expected to be waived this year.

- SAT and ACT concordant pass

SAT and ACT testing is being offered to students on campus. Ninety-two seniors needed some remediation in their scores. Progress has already been made.

- Digital Academy students returning to campus 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks

154 DA students returning to Campus soon. Mr. Cook reports school will still be able to meet CDC guidelines for safety and social distancing. Rickards will have about 43% of their 1654 students as BM students.

- Status of main intramural field and impact on winter sports

Main field in in need of care to be ready for soccer season. Boys and Girls soccer teams have been displaced for multiple years. The school is committed to getting the field ready but has had some challenges due to past year storms and the availability of sod.

- Attendance updates

There are still some students having trouble with grades and attendance. Parents should be following up with teachers. There have been times with up to 400 students absent.

- Grades; student progress

Report cards will be on Focus on November 10. Progress reports have already been sent. Focus is the primary tool for grades. Transferring grades from Canvas to Focus is manual and is the responsibility of the teacher. Per their contract with district, teachers are required to update focus at 4.5 weeks and 9 weeks. School has asked teachers to update Focus every 2 weeks as a best practice.

- Construction activities

Mr. Holmes stated painting of building has started. All buildings will be painted Grey as the primary color. He reports AC pipes have been finished and construction company will begin to remove remaining buildings and walls scheduled to be taken down. Building 19 will be removed over winter holiday, so all orphaned walls will be completely removed next summer.

### **Title I Parent Engagement Survey**

Dr. McNeil reports the survey is live and asks all to complete it. Instructions can be found on the Rickards Listserv. The survey will be open through December 5. She will have a report next month to provide an update.

### **DAC**

Ms. Wells provided an update on DAC. Next meeting will be next week. Superintendent Hanna attends these meeting. DAC discussed winter sports, Chromebook, Focus/Canvas issues. Discussed Safe Walks to School Program which provides support to increase sidewalk around schools. DAC has

presentation from Tonja Fitzgerald about 20-21 Mental Health Plan. A revised school calendar was approved which included additional teacher planning days. The semester does not end prior to winter break this year. It ends after students return. Ms. Wells offered to bring SAC questions to the DAC and the Superintendent. Please send these questions directly to her at: [johnitta@hotmail.com](mailto:johnitta@hotmail.com).

### **TAC Update**

Ms. Stachnik provided an update of the recent TAC meeting. TAC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. She asked SAC members to volunteer to become Rickards representative as this is her last year as the Rickards TAC representative. TAC discussed the availability of Chromebooks, the digital divide for Title I school students and the CARES Act.

### **TAC Update**

Mr. Stachnik outlined his goals as SAC Chair. The goals include keeping parents informed about our school, increasing our ability and opportunity to communicate, and increasing opportunities for participation.

SAC Secretary position is still vacant. A call was made for nominations.

It was proposed all SAC meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6pm. A motion was proposed and passed unanimously to adopt this schedule.

There was no new business proposed at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned by the chair at 7:01pm.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next SAC meeting:
  - November 17, 2020
  - 6pm via Zoom