

Durbin Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Start: 3:33 End: 4:25

Welcome and call to order: Kara Bird, chairperson

Review November 2016 SAC minutes: motions made. Approved.

Principal's report: Ms. Fuller shared that the lower-cost computer approved to be included on the District list, so we were able to purchase 66 new laptops (which were going quick!); purchase went through and we should receive them in January. Also, the District purchased 21 additional units for DCE, so we will have 87 new laptops. All eleven 4th and 5th grade classrooms will receive additional computers; there will be two classroom sets on carts. She was very pleased to report that SAC had approved up to \$20K for this purchase, but actual cost was just over \$15K.

Enrollment is now at 670. Regarding open enrollment: we have 30 seats available, based on our building size, etc., the state has determined DCE capacity is 858. Ms. Fuller believes 820 is a more realistic number. If we are not at 80% of that, we are considered to have open seats. In January, the application for open enrollment will be posted. St. Johns County students would be considered first. Ms. Fuller believes DCE will be off the list after the "first round" as we have new students coming in a steady stream. We know we have 6 or 7 new students starting in January. With hardship waivers, enrollment can be revoked for attendance or behavior issues. Same with any students added via the lottery applications. ESE---we will make sure we can meet students' needs.

Parent survey will "go live" after Winter Break. Ms. Fuller would like for SAC to come up with 2-5 Durbin-specific questions. We have the month of January to refine these questions.

Question asked about "1 to 1 digital conversion" (each student assigned a computer/device). Some schools have gone to a "bring your own device" program---we have not promoted this policy as our internet system will not support it. We have good wireless access, but not the newest.

Suggestion made that we include a specific question on the survey regarding I-ready and other tools, as to how parents feel about it. Some concerns voiced regarding "social engineering" that might be included in I-ready or other programs. A parent asked if they can go online to see how their child is doing on these programs. *Answer: Yes--through Trendline.* Ms. Fuller shared that 45 minutes weekly on I-ready is the goal for our students, and should not be in one sitting.

Ms. Fuller would like our opinion of workbook version of same program.

Dr. Nguyen asked what enrollment would require another resource teacher, and which one would it be. *Answer: 725, and Ms. Fuller feels PE would be best.* Dr. Nguyen suggests that would be a good question for survey. Ms. Fuller feels technology is incorporated already, so not a tech teacher not best use of funds.

Question: what is goal for more laptops. *Answer: Ms Fuller says we definitely want more, as well as ipads (especially for K and 1). Would like each grade level to have a cart.*

Textbook adoption: Social Studies is now under review. Ms. Bird shared new options. Ms. Cosgrove shared that one has an online access, via a "weekly reader" hard copy that goes home with students, *Study Weekly*. Ms. Bird likes it, but does not want it to be the only item---used rather as enrichment. State of FL has come up with four approved options. The publisher we currently use (which is well-liked) is not on the list. Ms. Bird shares that she prefers the McGraw Hill textbook which coordinates with online portions; integrates reading standards as well. If it is bid on, 5 years of consumables included.

Ms. Cosgrove shared the timeline of approvals, reconsiderations, etc. All information is online. Teachers are asked for their preferences, age-appropriateness---what is useable for our population. Must implement the law regarding vender presentations, etc. Some items more supplemental rather than core information for students. Must meet standards, and be user-friendly for kids and teachers. Current provider did not put a bid in for elementary level curriculum. Some explanation regarding the financing involved, so that taxpayer money is best-utilized.

Focus group report: tabled.

Next meeting: January 10, 2017

Members present: Angela Fuller, Danielle Coates, Kara Bird, Teri Heath, Stephanie Williams, Renee Labaw, Jan Phillips, Christie Ball, Ann Nguyen, Amber Van Meter, Lacey Boswell, Michelle Sharp, Troy Mack, Robin Zuckerman, Rachel Hughes, Tracy Kosier

Members absent: Jennie Jones

Guests: Lorraine Cosgrove (District Buddy)