



**Mill Creek Academy
SAC Meeting Minutes
Virtual via TEAMS/Media Center
1/25/2022**

Attendance		
In Attendance: Kaleigh DiMillo-Corbett Art Thomas Dr. Goodwin Tara Tacinelli Samantha Sawruk Bryan McGinnis Stephanie Sanalila Leah Willis Carolyn Ramsey Helen Marcantuono Luke James Nery De Los Santos Malvina Santiago Cindy Woods Sonia McGonigal Tane Cheptoo	Absent:	Excused: Jennifer Martin

Meeting Start Time		
The meeting was called to order at: 4:00		
Approval of November Minutes		
<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> <u>Approved</u>	<u>Motion to Approve:</u> Nery De Los Santos	<u>Second:</u> Jose Paradis

Budget Update:

Budget Report:

- No current funds requests for this month
- No funds were used since last meeting

Available Budget:

\$14,276.68

Celebrations & Updates

- Isabella Danies** – Beaver Toyota Student of the week
- Dr. Goodwin provided essay contest winner for Martin Luther King contest essays
- Middle school basketball teams has started their games – we wish them luck
- Last week was teacher of the year/rookie teacher of the year celebration
- District STEM fair was cancelled for this year. We had 17 students participate. Looking forward we look to encourage students more.
- Course selection information for middle school is coming soon in the form of a virtual parent night/ email sent
- Middle school jazz band is competing at Creekside High School
- Feb. 7th in-service day for teacher, no schools for students
- Continued growth, 6 new portables coming next year, working through projections for placement of teachers, etc.
- New students protocols are reviewed

Review/Feedback – SAC Surveys (open 2/1/22)

- SAC survey opens on Feb 1st for parents and staff; copies have been sent out by Art
- Reminders will be sent via QR codes, texts, and email to receive input
- There are 13 questions that are permanent, plus additional questions that can be added or removed
- 23 questions for parents & 26 questions for staff
- Cindy Woods questions about the availability of technology in the school and the issues with that. This is an issue that has been brought up in the focus group.
- There are issues and multiple costs associated with technology use for each student.
- No changes necessary to the survey. It will go live on Feb. 1st.
- Cindy Woods would like links for updating school notifications be added to the newsletter.

Focus Group Update

- Jim Willer is from Investing in Kids. He went to the last meeting. Talked about the digital literacy program for Pedro Menendez to increase family involvement. There is also a college engagement course.
- Wayne King talked about the new state high-stakes assessments. Iready showed a deficit in Math across the state. The state is moving to more of a benchmark assessment that will take place throughout the year. 2022-2023 will be the rollout year for the test

- 10th grade requirement from state legislatures, no criteria has been finalized or specified
- 5th and 8th grade science assessments will still be in place
- Achieve progress monitoring will be what is used for K-3 and iReady will also be used.
- Computer and tech resources were questioned. Currently enough technology to test a whole grade level at a time. The goal is to move to two grade levels with 1:1 technology
- There will be a writing component with the testing. There is concern regarding technology and how that will work with the lack of student technology and knowledge.
- Email Wayne King to get involved.
- Grant for \$22 million was submitted to the state for grants. There was 4500 completed surveys, 1500 surveys not officially completed.
- Tim Forson says students in high school are struggling with impacts from pandemic. Encourages parents to work with principals if students are struggling to meet grad. Requirements
- Collin Kirkland* spoke about student advocacy talked about how to best connect with your legislator. The key thing is to have solutions to present and know the “legislative landscape”. Listed many legislators and their aides to make changes within education and share issues and stories.
- Teacher exit interviews are being conducted and there are 480 new teachers out of 3k total in district, support for teachers from multiple aspects
- School safety was a concern and sheriff department provided input and they are involved, but did not want to disclose details due to concern

Adjournment

- Jose Paradis asked about Common Core curriculum and if that is being used.
- Traffic questions were asked about traffic light installation and how that will look once the lights are installed.
- NJHS is allowing students to come here, as well as Future Educators of America

Motion to Approve:

Carolyn Ramsey

Second:

Jose Paradis

Time of Adjournment:

4:59

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**