

Norton Elementary School

S.A.C. Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 2022

Meeting started at 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Katherine Bailey, Tristin Ballentine, Priscilla Brannon, Sara Freeman, Nicole DeHart, Kathrine Faenza, Sherita Hill, Elena Mayo

Members not in Attendance: Tawny Collins, Dave Garzon, Tim Montegomery, & Pat Swan

Adoption of Agenda: A motion for adoption was made by K. Bailey and seconded by N. DeHart. Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: A motion for adoption was made by T. Ballentine and seconded by N. DeHart. Minutes were approved with no changes by unanimous voice vote.

Budget Items:

- Mrs. Mayo followed up with Mark Judah, regarding the potential of purchasing a laser printer. He will be going back to the district to see what we can get, what type of case we would need, as well as additional costs that we would incur.
- He is also looking into compatibility with our school computers.

News Items:

- Mrs. Mayo reviewed our in-person events. The most recent events have been very successful:
 - o **School Carnival**
 - K. Bailey mentioned that the student had a great time, spent all of their Norton bucks while budgeting and enjoyed earning prizes.
 - S. Hill suggested continuing the carnival at the end of the year - students could use any remaining Norton bucks. She also suggested cake walk could be a popsicle walk.
 - Mrs. Mayo mentioned the difference of student participation independently compared to previous festivals with families. She also suggested having two booths of popular choices.
 - K. Faenza mentioned that a positive to hosting the event during the school day was that all students were able to participate without having to work around family events & commitments.
 - o **Graduation**
 - Mrs. Mayo explained how nice it was to have everyone together again with families.
 - S. Freeman (parent of 5th grade student) echoed that it was awesome for families.

- S. Hill suggested having more than one photo backdrop to save time before lunch.
 - N. DeHart loved the musical performance.
 - T. Ballentine mentioned how great it was to have so much of it be student-led. Mrs. Mayo suggested adding a student MC.

- **Testing Updates:** We have received scores for 3rd grade ELA and are awaiting the remaining results.
 - o 3rd grade scores came in with a 51% passing rate. Compared to other schools around the district, we stayed consistent and scores did not drop. Our ESE students also did well compared to years past.

- **Summer School (ESY)**
 - o Six Classes: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd (two classes), 3rd (two classes)
 - o Students were selected based on previous FSA scores, ISIP levels, and assessment scores.
 - o We are offering two 2nd grade classes vs. a 4th grade class due to those students losing half of their Kindergarten year and all of 1st grade in-person learning.
 - o We have sent a second round of invitations to off-set any of those families who passed on the opportunity.

- **New Math Curriculum - GoMath**
 - o The state has moved from "standards" to "benchmarks".
 - o We are rolling out the new curriculum in K-5. It is on it's way and should arrive over the summer.
 - o We will also be introducing "Advanced Math" for 3rd grade next year. Next year we will add 4th, and 5th will be added the following year.
 - o About 40/100 students placed into Advanced Math for 3rd grade next school year. 2-3 3rd grade teachers will attend training.
 - o A bridge program will be offered for students who weren't ready, that will learn half of 4th grade level math over the summer then join.

- **Literacy Leadership Team**
 - o This year we worked with a new team to become more established and increase excitement about literacy at our school.
 - o Next year, we will focus on literacy again. We will meet this summer to discuss what was done this year, review testing data and interventions - Did we target with the correct intervention? What do we need to change or focus on for 22-23?

- **UFLi**
 - o Ms. Ballentine shared the success of implementing the UFLi program within our school. The district team had high praises for our teachers and the adherence to the program.

- o Our students have shown more progress and gains than in years past. For example, in looking at our data, our students in K specifically started further behind than last year's class and have not only made bigger gains, but ended the year more proficient in phonics and fluency.
 - o Students and teachers have really enjoyed the program. They are very excited to continue it and see the future grade level gains.
- **Staffing**
 - o There will be a transition in the next few weeks with new teachers. We have open positions in 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.
 - o Additionally, we are hiring a family liaison, new BRT, and new guidance counselor.

Community Input:

- No new community input

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: A motion for adjournment was made by K. Faenza and seconded by E. Mayo. All members were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be held after the start of the 22-23 school year. More information will be sent when it is available.

