

Felix A Williams Elementary
SAC Meeting Minutes

1/28/2020

Call to order:

DeeAnn Cox called to order the regular meeting of the School Advisory Committee at 6:03pm on 1/28/2020 at Felix A Williams Elementary.

Roll call:

A sign in sheet was provided for members as they arrived.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera to approve the minutes from 11/19/19. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Vosters. All approved.

New Business

Principal's Report - Mrs. Riley

- attendance 80 day count- FAWE is maintaining at 94% of student maintaining attendance at or above 90% based on total excused and unexcused absences
- Staff Updates: new school counselor- Lauren Scott; ESE SF - Morgan Kelley; ESE Paraprofessional position is still currently available; Mrs. Czerwinski is out on medical leave and Mrs. Brown is helping in that classroom; Mrs. Hollinger is out on medical leave and will return on Feb. 5th. Subs have been covering her room; 2 Kindergarten teachers needing interim teachers (HR is currently processing)-- Mrs. Pawlak and Mrs. Kujawa
- Schedule Updates- RA Wheel- Art is not on the wheel Qtr. 3 due to Mrs. Brown is teaching 5th grade class and Media is now on the wheel for all K-5 classes
- Perennial Math tryouts were held and we did not have enough students qualifying high enough to formalize a team this year. Four students had qualifying scores and they are able to compete individually if they choose to do so

- Superintendent Search - Feb 24th at 6pm there will be a community forum at JBHS (media center) so you can give input on what you would like to see in the future superintendent
- Splash Flash--if you'd like Mrs. Riley to address any topics, please feel free to let her know (some parents gave an idea of testing information and ideas for parents)
- Current SAC balance: \$433.60

PTA Update - Mrs. Kernan

- Flower Sale - Feb 13 and 14
- Mother Son Dance - Feb 7
- (Considering changing the name for the dances)
- Pi Day 5k - Feb 21
- Movie Night - Toy Story 4 - March 6
- Nominations for board positions are being accepted at this time from any parent wishing to be involved (fawepta@gmail.com)
- Volunteer Night Event - Feb. 25th (might want to consider moving because we will be missing multiple members for this event)

Math Update- Mrs. Smith

K- Kindergarten is learning about geometry where they will focus on comparing and classifying 2 & 3 Dimensional Shapes. They are also learning how to represent addition and subtraction in various ways. They are solving word problems and finding all the different combinations of numbers to make 10 and fluently adding and subtracting within 5.

1 - 1st grade is reviewing place value while moving into two digit addition. They will also be working on money! Coin identification, value and making \$1 (100 pennies, 20 nickels, 10 dimes, 4 quarters) Mixed coin counting for enrichment only.

2 - In math, our big focus will be on measurement - to the nearest inch, foot, centimeter, and meter with continued support on addition and subtraction with regrouping, telling time on both analog and digital clocks, and refining place value skills.

3 - Third grade is finishing the study of time. The students worked on reading and writing time various ways and finding elapsed time. Currently we are learning about measuring mass and liquid volume in metric units and discovering number patterns. Geometry is our next unit. The students will learn about various polygons and the attributes of each.

4 - Fourth grade math teachers turned their rooms into mock surgical centers for students to practice their multiplication and division before the winter break. Currently, fourth grade is learning about finding area and perimeter of rectangles. They will soon be moving into their geometry unit where they will learn how lines, rays, and line segments create shapes and angles.

5 - Fifth grade is Multiplying and dividing fractions and will be moving on to measurement and volume shortly. A few classes are working on applying their skills by working on a PBL and making of game boards revolving around the construction of a pool and costs involved while others are traveling around the world on a Caravan adventure to collect artifacts for a museum while earning, sharing and spending gold to purchase supplies and avoid killer bees and monsoons.

Student Council Update- Fisher Moody

Hello SAC members, my name is Fisher Moody and I am the president of student council. I would like to start by giving some thank yous on behalf of student council members. We would like to thank Mrs. Brown who has stepped up to help my teacher, Mrs. Czerwinski while she is sick. We also want to thank the teachers who have been putting a lot of extra time and effort into creating special projects to help us learn and for planning field trips for us. Another thank you to the cafeteria staff who works hard to prepare great food for us. Finally, we would like to give Deputy Ryan a shout out for keeping our school safe.

Student council has been working on creating public service announcements to share with all students on the news. We created one about positive behavior in the cafeteria, one about the buddy bench and kindness, and one about how to problem solve and enjoy recess. At our last meeting, we brainstormed some positives and some ideas for improvement to share with SAC for your consideration. Let's start with the positives!

We are enjoying the restorative circle time and the harmony activities. It has helped with classroom connections. We feel safe at school because of Deputy Ryan, the regular drills we do, and the upgrades to our fences. We have heard that PTA is raising funds for our playgrounds and are excited about that! We will encourage our friends to attend PTA events to help raise funds for these improvements. We are also proud that FAWE has raised a lot of money for Water for South Sudan and are happy to share that students are loving #WaterWednesdays.

FAWE is awesome, but we did come up with some ideas for improvement that we wanted to share with you all. We wonder if we might be able to have tables in the map area. Some

students had the idea that these could be used for picnics or as an incentive to show positive behavior in the cafeteria. We were also wondering if next to each green recycle bin there could be a trash can. We think that the reason people sometimes put trash into our recycle bins is because there aren't always trash cans nearby and thought this could help solve that problem. We would also love to see the SAIL train reopened. It could also be a positive behavior incentive. Finally, we would love to have balls, chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc. to use at recess if it's possible.

At our next student council meeting we will begin planning our own service project. I am really excited to decide what we will do and how we can help our community and will share our ideas with you at the next SAC meeting. Does anyone have any questions or comments that you would like for me to share with our student council members?

ELA Update - Ms. Kile

- Literacy Week activities-
 - Wednesday- Buddy Reading
 - Thursday- Read Aloud Teacher Swap
 - Literacy Night Thursday 1/30 at 6:00-8:00
 - Friday- Character Parade 7:45-8:00 K-5 campus-wide walk
- MTSS meetings occurred (or are finishing up) and intervention groups are being updated based on AP2 data
- Foundations walk-throughs have been occurring with experts to continue building teachers' knowledge and implementation with fidelity
- SIP teams will meet next week to review goals and discuss progress made toward meeting goals. This info will be shared at the Feb. meeting
- Spelling Bee was last week. We had 3 kids place in the top 12

Science Update - Mrs. Higgins

- Our annual STEAM Night hosted by the South Florida Science Center on November 20th was a success with over 150 participants.
- 4th grade GREEN TEAM has been busy every Thursday morning emptying classroom recycling bins and also going into the classrooms to play a recycling game that they created with students to help them decide what goes in the black trash cans and what goes in the blue recycling bins.

- The Science SIP committee met our 1st week back on Jan. 7th to begin brainstorming ideas and initiatives to share on our Green School of Recognition application which is due on Thursday, March 5th.

Last year we were awarded the highest level of recognition – Green School of Excellence – therefore we are eligible to submit an abbreviated application this year.

- As for science in the classrooms, most grades are studying Physical Science this 9 weeks and/or transitioning into Life Science.

More specifically:

K – Energy & Motion

1st – Matter & Movement/Living Things Organization and Development

2nd – Energy, Force, & Motion/Plants & Animals

3rd – Plants

4th – Energy & Motion/Human Uses of Energy

5th – Forms of Energy/Forces & Changes in Motion

- One important date to mark on your calendars: Saturday, March 28th is Water Fest in Memorial Park in Downtown Stuart from 10am-2pm

PBIS Update- Mrs. Urbay on behalf of Holly Lane

- We have restocked the PBIS store with new supplies for the students
- Thanks to PTA we already have some items that we will use for our end of the year raffle items
- On Jan 31st for 15 splash bucks students may wear their clothing backwards
- We will be starting a new incentive for the café in Feb. Classes/tables that are good during the lunch time (following their SAIL expectation) will be earning a golden spatula for the day. The day they receive the spatula they will get a class splash buck. If at the end of the set time frame the teacher

- will determine what prize the students will receive. Starting in Feb we will start with a week time frame and then build up the time frame to a month.
- 3rd-5th Grade students can enter a raffle drawing using their splash bucks. 2 winners will receive 2 tickets (one for them and one for a parent/guardian) to attend “Drop by Drop” presentation by Salva Dut, founder of Water for South Sudan, at the Lyric Theatre in March.

Open Discussion Summary

-Brainstorming ideas for meet the teacher

Issue: Parking

Solution Ideas:

- Could get a MOU and give insurance certificate to local business if there is an agreement the we can use their parking
- Could reach out to Palm City Elementary about how they have successfully staggered in the past
- Could reach out to shuttles to assist with transporting from other parking lots if we can make a MOU with a local business (ex- Stuart Tram, ESC bus)
- Considering staggering grades either by grade levels or last names
- Parents can access child’s teacher assignment the morning of meet the teacher. This might alleviate a little bit of traffic.
- Parents asked about possibly adding a crosswalk and about school zone signs. Mark Coco said funding for a crosswalk is possible if we can prove there are enough walkers. He said that since we have a controlled intersection, flashing signals aren’t necessary. He also mentioned that we could go through the county to request school zone signage.
- Mrs. Kernan is going to give contact info. for Buttonwood to Mrs. Riley. Mrs. Riley is going to reach out to them and to City of Stuart to discuss options.
- Could consider a more formalized meet the teacher vs. the “walk through whenever” style we have done in the past.
- Parents/Guardians only request

TOP 2 Ideas to Share with FAWE Grade Liaisons:

-VPK Seperate Day / K 11-12 / Alphabetical A-L 12:30-1:15 (45 min) / M-Z 1:45-2:30(45 min)

-Split Grade Levels (K / 1st, 4th, 5th / 2nd, 3rd) moving times earlier possibly

Due to conflict of dates, Ms. Cox proposed cancelling the February SAC meeting. This will still leave us with the required 8 SAC meetings for the 19/20. Mr. Rivera motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Higgins. All agreed.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mrs. Gary. All agreed.

Adjournment

Ms. Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jessica Urbay