

Haymarket Elementary School School Advisory Committee meeting minutes for March 7, 2023

Attendees:

Mr. Baldwin-principal
Mr. Johnson-chairman
Ms. Herrington-secretary
Amy Lelito-Instructional Tech Coach
Robin Schenck-Counselor
Patricia Lattanzi
Rapa Barsel
Sanford Rosenthal
Brenda Bush
Monica Seeman
Kelli Rutherford
Jessica Shepard
Katy Fisher
Jenn Parker

Minutes:

Call to order 6:31 pm
Sanford Rafa approval

Welcome, introduction and approval of minutes (approved online)

SCA Update- Mrs. Schenck

Aksh SCA president: Read Across America readers organized by Mrs. Z and Ms. Ebeck were greeted and escorted by SCA Ambassadors included Dr. Hart (area associate superintendent), Mrs. Adelle Jackson (school board member), and Dr. McDade (PWCS superintendent, working to create a March Madness Read-a-thon, thanked the parents who continue to support HMES

Alyssa: Emmajin (SCA Chief of Student Learning) is researching how to have a student section added to the library so students can share their own writings, including her own series, welcomed Ms. Keyser to the school with a tour

PTO Update- Kelli Rutherford:

Bingo is on Friday and they still need volunteers

Spring Carnival will be in April. More details will be shared at the PTO meeting. There will be a room parent meeting on Thursday for the Spring Carnival class baskets so that the teachers are not burdened with putting the basket together.

Jenn Parker asked about the challenge with room parents have with not having all the class contacts. It will hopefully be addressed next school year at open house.

Teacher Appreciation Week is in May

Brian Johnson added that Haymarket Church would like to do the snack cart for teachers again.

Guest speaker (Online Safety/Digital Citizenship)- Amy Lelito, Instructional Technology Coach

Co-teach and plans with teachers and helps with various software in the classroom

HMES online responsibilities are to work with administrators, digital citizenship lessons

PWCS online responsibilities are to monitor devices often using many filters but nothing is 100%

Ms. Lelito shared many resources in her presentation that parents can use to help support positive digital citizenship at home and school as well as maintaining online safety. Her presentation is linked with all her resource links available.

Mindfulness moment Hosted by Mrs. Schenck:

Mrs. Schenck modeled a way to deep breath for ourselves or with our children. Imagine holding a nice mug of hot chocolate with whipped cream. Take a slow deep breath in to smell your drink and slowly breath out without blowing the whipped cream away.

Principal's Time (Mr. Baldwin):

Staffing-the rest of this year (22-23) all the grade levels are within PWCS guidelines. Hoping to hire 2 more IA's for kindergarten classes (2 classes with 29, 2 classes with 28 and 2 with 27). PALS has an additional ½ time teacher for the mornings and will stay in the afternoons and help in kindergarten. ESOL also hired an additional ½ time teacher hoping to keep the current number of ESOL teachers of 4 ½ for next school year as well. PE will have a long term sub (Mrs. Dickerson) for the remainder of this year.

For the 2023-24 school year there will be a PE teacher hired. There will also be a Parent Liaison position for next year. It is unclear exactly what that position responsibilities will include

Spending plan: there is about \$200,000 in flex funds for the remainder of this school year. Looking at using the funds for math manipulatives, custodial supplies (replacing old and additional tools), 2 ½ kindergarten IAs and ½ time PALS, ½ time ESOL teacher, 3 new Newline boards and reuse the smartboards somewhere else, hopefully 5 more cafeteria tables so there is more than 28 seats per class available so that parents can sit with their children and class, and software renewals. The plan is to have about \$60,000 carry over to the next school year.

Brian Johnson asked if there was anything SAC can do to help support. The answer is to continue to be liaisons and messengers within the community.

Superintendent's Advisory Committee Update (Jennifer Herrington):

Main take away from all the meetings is how can our SAC be more inclusive to our whole school family community. Some ideas and suggestions are to offer child care for in

person activities, utilize our parent liaison to help with translations, make sure that SAC meetings are shared multiple places (communication blasts , S'more newsletter) and include the zoom link (how can we have translation services available for live meetings?), utilize PEP (parent education program and is a PWCS program) to encourage parent engagement.

Citizen's Time

Katy asked about getting information from Bull Run/Reagan Middle Schools for parents of rising 6th graders: There will be a parent night for each school. Each school will send communication to their students/parents with more information. There will be some transition activities in May/June to practice opening padlocks and practicing a middle school schedule (changing classes more often) and a field trip to their respective schools for the students.

Jenn Parker asked if there was a way that parents can communicate with each other instead of having to go through teachers which puts more work on them. Can there be a school directory where there is an opt in/out option? Can it be something that is shared online?

Adjournment: Motion made by Katy and seconded by Jenn at 7:47pm