



Renaissance Elementary Magnet School -- School Accountability Committee (SAC)

>>The purpose of the SAC is to inform, encourage, and provide opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes.

**February 29, 2016
5:30PM**

Attendees: Deborah Lemmer, Brittany Sundgren, Amy Stuart, Tiffany Reckseen, Kristen Gerstner, and Krista Zizzo

I. Opening Reading & Snacks

- Kristen shared her experience with the Elementary Progress Report district meeting.

II. District Accountability Committee (DAC)

- **Winter Forum: February 9th** –
 - Amy and Tiffany attended – basic SAC information provided as well as break out sessions discussing district budgeting and long-range planning for capital improvements.

III. Old Business

- Review and Approve December minutes – Kristen moved to approve and Tiffany seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Update on Community SAC member search and ideas – All of our leads have disappeared. We need more ideas. Amy and Deborah will be reaching out to a few folks.

IV. Principal's Report

- EPR Feedback – next steps – There have been several principal's meetings to discuss. Overwhelmingly, parents are not approving of the new format and find it very confusing. Parents are encouraged to make appointments with teachers because 1 on 1 meetings are best. Portfolio showcase presentations will become more common among all the grades. The tabs will mirror our mission statement. The 3rd and 6th graders will still show their portfolios to a panel, the other grades will share only to their parents.
- Budget items
 - Transportation – The district tripled the cost without prior warning. We have no answers to our questions about what can be done. Deborah is moving toward purchasing our own buses. Due to licensing

issues, a large bus is not an option, but several smaller buses can be driven by teachers and staff. Life Is Art will be instrumental in providing funds needed to purchase these buses.

- Staffing – Some changes are in the works. Some people are retiring and a few are leaving namely Julie Vratatos and Kristen Brotherton. They will be greatly missed. Deborah values the Integrated Arts teachers and will continue to staff certified instruction even though other schools have opted for classified instructors. Staff salaries take the bulk of the budget.
- Rosetta Stone – This program has been a challenge to implement. There isn't enough time in the day to rotate all of the students and the microphones don't seem to work properly. Students and teachers are frustrated, so we will not continue the program next year. The curriculum seems to have been created more for adults and doesn't tailor to youth as well as originally thought, so this is not a positive experience for students.

- Discussion/Presentation on collecting school wide data to tell our story and report on how we are doing. – Our goal is to report to community how students are meeting our mission statement. It is difficult to quantify these goals. We are working to find more ways of how to capture more of what we're doing and report this to the community. This is in addition to state testing. State testing is important for all students to participate in order to give a report of what our students can accomplish.
 - During open enrollment we had a large number of requests. We still have a lottery, however district staff are given spots for their children as an added benefit for them. About 8-10 kindergarten students will be coming from district staff. About 22 kindergarten students are siblings, which leaves roughly 18 spots open to the lottery. We wish we could open up our doors to all who want to come. There is a possibility of other elementary schools becoming ELOB.

V. Staff Update – Teachers are working hard to create their EPR templates. Many teachers are being trained be proctors for PARC.

VI. REA Update – The boot camp funds haven't been spent, which is a good thing if we are to purchase buses. There are 2 positions that need to be filled, including president. A chair person is needed for staff appreciation week.

VII. Open Forum – Many parents have questions about the math curriculum. Teachers have combined multiple curriculums including Vanderwall Math, Investigations, Connected Math and Everyday Math.

VIII. Adjournment – Krista moved to adjourn and Brittany seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Upcoming Meeting Calendar

Meeting Date		Reading and Snacks	
○	April 19, 2015	○	Krista Zizzo