



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.

**April 17, 2018
5:00pm**

Minutes

In Attendance: Tiffany Reckseen, Deborah Lemmer, Ed Goulart, Amy Stuart, Amy Stephens, Kristen Gerstner, Judy Cogburn

Absent: Josie Adler (excused)

- ❖ **Opening Reading & Snacks - Amy Stephens**
 - Theodore Roosevelt quote.
- ❖ **SAC Updates**
 - SAC Elections - May 3rd is the deadline for nomination forms. We'll have 1 open seat, Tiffany's term is up. Kristen has one year left to serve. We'll put the nominations form into newsletter. Nominees can be self nominated. Deborah will send out message to teachers looking for suggestions. Tiffany will send verbiage and form to Jen Fieber. If we have more than 1 nominee we'll need to hold an election. Those names will be put into the May 10 newsletter, and deadline for voting will be May 20th. Winner will be announced in the May 24th newsletter.
- ❖ **Old Business**
 - No old business to discuss
- ❖ **District Accountability Committee (DAC)**
 - No update currently on the communication from DAC on the financial communications for the district. The feeder schools are leading these discussions.
- ❖ **Principal's Report: Deborah Lemmer**

- New superintendent has been chosen, Dr, Thomas Tucker. New board member, Christina Ciancio-Schor, to meet with our teachers and address their needs. No information on strategic plan just yet.
- There is an on-going effort to communicate budget needs for our district, and these are done at the feeder schools. Not certain what our school's conversation looks like for this since we do not have a direct feeder school. Deborah wants to plan a meeting for our school, should it be spring or fall? How do we time it for the most attendance? Ed suggests maybe RSS kids to possibly offer child care for those attending? The idea of a google hang out is suggested. This idea seems popular. Deborah will need help to set this up. Everyone agrees fall/ late summer may be best so the information is fresh.
- Evaluations are due April 30, and are going on now.
- Staffing update -
 - Jennifer Freedman (kindergarten) will be leaving and the hiring process is beginning.
 - Savannah Huges will be leaving. Hired for this position already.
 - Our health-aid, Sandy, will not be returning. This position is now open. We are strongly looking for someone with more history of medicine distribution since we have some pretty specific needs in this area, especially in regards to our voyages and field work.
 - Laura Gray will be staying on for 5th grade.
- Adventure Education changes - it has been determined that we need to *ratchet up* the challenge for our crews, especially for crew members who have been with the school since the beginning. We see a need for increasing the challenge for many of the crews. Meeting to discuss this has occurred. For Fall voyages -
 - Kindi and 1st grade crews will continue with their stay at Camp Elim.
 - 2nd grade crews will be at Stone Canyon
 - 3rd & 4th grade crews will be at Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake will allow for more growth with some expanded activities such as canoeing and outdoor climbing.
 - The 3rd grade will do one night in cabin and one night in tent.
 - 4th will be all camping/tarp. There are cabins for emergencies.
 - 5th grade crews - we are contracting with Adam State to go south to the Sand Dunes / Durango area which will increase the tarp and backpacking experience for this grade, in order to better prepare them for their 6th grade experience.
 - 6th grade crew voyage will remain the same.
 - Will need to look at how Cody is allocated with these changes. Kenny may step in for some of the voyages if necessary. He is WFR (Wilderness First Responder) certified
 - Lots of changes to Adventure Ed but definitely the better for growth!
 - Winter voyages will stay the same.
 - Our staff will do a 1-2 day retreat at Eagle Lake. details tbd
- Bus struggles: We are still trying to figure out why the batteries won't stay charged for our buses. The Leave No Child Behind tool is a part of why the

battery won't stay charged as it pulls from the the charge too much. Working on how to get around this or fix it.

- Ms. Deborah is beginning a student leadership team for the 18/19 school year. Applications are due this Friday. Grades 4, 5, 6 will participate. 6 kids total, 2 per grade. Will be meeting after school. Beginning 18/19 school year.
- Word has been put out to teachers who may want to be on the teacher leadership team for the 18/19 school year
- Budget - thanks to fundraiser, we can continue our budget as it is
- Showcase celebrations are coming up. Need to push hard to get volunteers for the panels.
- The Musical is coming up May 10-12
- The LIA artist edition was postponed this year and will now coincide with the dates of the musical performance. It will be an art walk held at the school during the same time frame of musical. Every student will have a piece of artwork on display (assuming they were in attendance during the days the art pieces were being created).
- Testing update: we had only 11 opt outs for testing, a huge drop in opt outs from the last 2 years. We are uncertain what to attribute the drop in opt-outs, but glad to see that more students were participating.

◆ **Staff Update: Ed Goulart**

- The two 1st grade voyages are coming up
- Kindi voyage is coming up
- PARCC testing is mostly complete
- CMAS for 5th grade (science only) is mostly complete as well
- Next week all students will be testing on iReady to access if all are complying with the READ Act
- Early literacy class has finished with great success. Next steps - we will wait until fall for next class
- Showcases are coming up for 3/6 and then individual grades will showcase via their student lead conferences
- District has decided that there is a need for uniformity from elementary to middle school so all schools will be doing iReady. The district is paying for the diagnostic assessment. We will pay some extras for lessons we feel may be necessary. Will not be doing a full site license, but will be able to purchase licenses based specifically on where the need is within the school. Need to decide who it best serves.

◆ **REA Update: Amy Stuart**

- LIA (Life is Art Fundraiser) - was a great success, with a gross of \$100,000, and a net of \$75,000. There were 250+ in attendance. We do need new people to lead. Working on recruiting a couple of new people to lead this effort.
- Teacher appreciation is coming up in May. The theme is Star Wars. There will be door decor and various teacher treat days, being lead by Rachel and Jen again this year.

- OLE work day - April 28
- Elections - 2 seats will be coming up available. Details went out in newsletter.

❖ **Calendar for 2018/2019 SAC Meetings**

- SAC will meet at 5:00pm on the **third** Tuesday of the designated month.
 - September 18, 2018
 - November 13, 2018 (week before Thanksgiving)
 - February 19, 2019
 - April 16, 2019
 - ad hoc meetings scheduled as needed

Kristen to be interim chair for the September meeting.

Tiffany moved to adjourn

Deborah seconds

meeting adjourns

Meeting Date	Reading and Snacks
● April 17, 2018	Amy Stephens