

Westside Elementary School

SAC Minutes

Date – October 5, 2015

Location - Westside Elementary School Media Center

Attendees- George Turnvall, Jamie Piring, Gary Steinmetz, Eve Hanmore, Sean Hanmore, Brenda Mercer, Kerry Thornton, Deb Pepin, Dana El Yamani, Cari O'Rourke, Kristina Garofano, Brittney Serrano

Absent- Darlene McGee, Mack Gossage, Denise Cintino

Distributed: SAC Agenda

- **Call to order**- Jamie Piring, SAC Chair- 4:32 p.m.
- **Parent Input** - Assistant Principal, Mrs. O'Rourke

-Jamie Piring brought up 3rd grade homework change from packets due every Friday to journals each week- no communication about instructions. Discussion with Administration after the meeting was recommended.

- **Approval of October Minutes**-
 - -Motion to approve by Turnvall, seconded by Piring
- **Principal Presentation**- Principal, Ms. Garofano

Review 2015-2016 School Improvement Plan

-Increasing writing to explain, including in math. This is an attempt for students to demonstrate a deeper understanding of their learning. Teachers will have training this week to discuss ways to incorporate writing throughout the day across the subjects. Writing could be a quick response or a formative assessment to demonstrate what students are learning.

Technology Update

-Technology, tablets are now fully distributed in 3rd-5th grade. Students were able to start using them last week. Tablets are equipped with educational apps through Google Play. Apps are being used in math, centers, and differentiated groups. QR codes are being able to be scanned so that students are able to scan them with the tablet to self-check their work. This is helping motivate our students.

Construction Update

-Construction is still happening before and after school. Students are not being impacted. Roofing material is still in the back of the school. No expected finish date at this time. Air conditioning is now flowing throughout the entire school.

- **Videos of Use of Promethean Boards-** Assistant Principal, Mrs. O'Rourke
-Promethean videos were displayed to show how the interactive boards compliment instruction.

- **Funding Request-** Mrs. Mercer

-Funding request this meeting: Headphones for our technology needs. Headphones are necessary for all of our interactive technology, but are easily broken and need to be replaced frequently. Due to the socioeconomic status of our families, we cannot request them as a necessary classroom supply. We have found a discounted rate of \$2 per set of headphones, and are requesting that \$300.00 be allotted for headphones for all computer labs. Motion to approve was made at 4:48 p.m. by Jamie Piringner and seconded by Turnvall. 9 voted to approve. 4 district staff, 5 parent/community members.

- **Red Ribbon Week-** Guidance Counselor, Ms. Kerry Thornton
- Red Ribbon Week was last week, it is a National campaign against drugs. 3rd-5th grade presentations during lunch included the dangers of using drugs. Specifically, the abuse of tobacco and alcohol were addressed. Students signed a pledge to be drug free and respect themselves and others.

- **Community Events-** Assistant Principal, Mrs. O'Rourke

Veteran's Day Celebration Nov. 10th 9:30-10:30

-The Veterans Day celebration will be held on Nov. 10th. We will have a breakfast for the veterans served by safety patrol and student council. Celebration includes a demonstration by the CHS drill team, WES chorus, 5th grade poetry, and a roll call. Veterans and district staff will be coming for the event.

Awards Nov. 17th – 9:00 First Grade, 9:50 Second Grade

Nov. 18th – 8:45 Third Grade, 9:35 Fourth Grade, 10:15 Fifth Grade

-Awards: Honor roll, principals list, and perfect attendance

Turkey Trot Fundraiser & Dinner Nov. 24th - 9:00 3rd, 4th, 5th

2:00 K, 1st, 2nd

-School wide fundraiser followed by "Turkey Trot". This funding is for school-wide events, student and teacher celebrations, etc. Turkey Trot course will be a route around the neighborhood. Crossing guards will be present to help navigate students. During the day, families will be selected by need for a "Thanksgiving dinner" and baskets to take home. Flyers and call outs will serve as reminders.

Family Center / Food & Clothing Pantry

-Family Center is open every Thursday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Food and Clothing pantry is open every last Thursday of the month. We do accept donations for our pantry.

-School fundraiser involves families collecting used clothing to be sent off and money comes back to the school. See Amy Tilton for additional information.

- **Questions/Concerns/Compliments**

Mrs. Piringer thanked us for our hard work.

- **BIN Items-** Assistant Principal, Mrs. O'Rourke

N/A

- **Meeting Adjournment-** Assistant Principal, Mrs. O'Rourke

-Motion to adjourn by Hanmore at 4:57 p.m., seconded by Turnvall.

- **Next Meeting: December 7th 4:30 p.m.**