

Croton Elementary
SAC Minutes
November 15, 2016

Members in Attendance: Adrea McDonough, Heather Rehrer, Tara Westfield, Roseann Bennett, Terra Hovan, Tania Rootsey, Regina Morris, Nicki Eppard

Others in Attendance: Christine Boyd

Members absent: Deborah Blair, Ashley Carraro, Tammy Fears, Nadene White

Call to Order: A meeting of the Croton Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on November 15, 2016. Mrs. McDonough called the meeting to order at 2:49 pm. Tara Westfield seconded the motion. Heather Rehrer recorded minutes for this meeting.

New Business:

Review minutes from October meeting

Mrs. Boyd motioned to accept the minutes for our October meeting. Mrs. McDonough seconded the motion.

New Member Drive

Mrs. McDonough shared the results of our roster verification. We are lacking diversity in our SAC membership and the district will not accept the roster until we meet that qualification.

The current numbers on the roster are:

10% African American

9% Multi racial

2% Asian Americans

16% Hispanic

Mrs. Boyd suggested inviting Mrs. Chavez and some of our ESOL parents. We brainstormed some ideas for increasing diversity in our membership. All members were encouraged to invite parents they know to attend a SAC meeting and/or express interest in serving. We would need to run a new ballot for parents to vote in future members. Mrs. McDonough suggested adding something to the newsletter to recruit new members. We need diversity to reflect our demographic. We could encourage parents to write in recommendations. Mrs.

Hovan shared that her husband is Hispanic and he has expressed an interest in serving on the Council. She was encouraged to nominate him.

Security Update

Mrs. Boyd shared the District's vision for security. Funds earned through sales tax revenue will allow for schools to receive district funding for fencing around the entire campus and single entry. They brainstormed emergency scenarios and various needs. Our school is fine tuning lock downs, tornado drills, how would first aid respond, and what supplies would be needed. One goal is to provide totes for each classroom with first aid supplies and an emergency blanket for each room, as well as a big red tarp and yellow tarp to help sort students for emergency response. There is about \$370 worth of supplies needed. Mrs. Boyd requested funds from SAC. Since we do not have a quorum to vote for this item, we will table this for our next meeting.

Tara put together a kit for local law enforcement when they come to our campus to include: maps, master keys, and an outline of our safety plan.

Each classroom was provided with a black strip of paper to cover the windows. Law enforcement suggested adding small yellow and red squares to place in the window during lockdown.

Green = all okay

Red = students need help

The lock down drill for off-campus threat went very well. In December, we will do an on-campus lock down drill. Teachers will be preparing the students for the drill and a synervoice message will be sent out to parents prior to the drill. Mrs. McDonough shared that the increase in security has resulted in the majority of doors on campus remaining locked throughout the day. Mrs. Hovan asked about the side doors on campus and Mrs. Boyd explained that these doors have to remain unlocked so students can enter the building to access the bathrooms, etc. Hopefully, this will be addressed with the single entry security provided by the district.

Mrs. Boyd shared that local law enforcement has begun visiting our campus on a weekly basis. This helps students feel more comfortable around them and also allows the officers to familiarize themselves with the floorplan of our school.

Parent Involvement items from Ambassador Meeting

Mrs. Morris shared about the monthly meetings she attends. The first meeting was about the Peachjar app implementation. Parents split up into groups and she was assigned to the security work group. Each of the work group will address specific projects.

Groups include:

Communication triangle

Community engagement

Serving our homeless students

Legislative issues facing public education

Preparing students for success

Student support - Some suggestions were to utilize middle school students as tutors or mentors for elementary students.

Safety and security - Mrs. Morris shared some of the project goals for her group to include self-defense training for teachers.

Mrs. Bennett shared the plan for sharing/utilizing school resource officers from Johnson Middle School and Eau Gallie High School. Mrs. Boyd shared the safety procedure that would be enforced during emergency situations whereby parents would be required to sign in and receive a visitor's badge before claiming their student. Mrs. Eppard shared her experience at Johnson Middle School where parents are approached repeatedly if they do not have visitor's badge. Teachers stop the adult and require them to go to the front office immediately or offer to escort them. We brainstormed ideas to enforce this rule at Croton. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved when we switch to single entry. Mrs. Eppard asked about the timeline for the single entry. Mrs. Bennett shared that we do not have a timeline yet due to the number of schools and the priorities being addressed. One of the priorities is providing a camera in the front office to provide security footage in the front office.

By-laws

We will table these for the next meeting. Mrs. McDonough shared a sample set of by-laws for the council to review prior to our next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: Mrs. McDonough motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 pm and Mrs. Rehrer seconded it.

Submitted by Heather Rehrer