



Susan B. English School

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Susan B. English School PAC / SBDM Council

Parent Advisory Committee / Site Based Decision Making Council

Tuesday November 5th 2019

7:00 pm – SBE Commons

Agenda

I. Opening Activities

A. Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by PAC President- Cassidi Cameron

B. Roll Call

Present: PAC MEMBERS: Cassidi Cameron, Heidi Geagel, Paula Elvsaas, Jeff Ambrosier, Renee Purpura, and Karen Bornheimer

C. Approval of Minutes: Purpura/Cameron

D. Approval of Agenda: Geagel- moved to amend the agenda to include item III.E.

Parent/Teacher Conference

Agenda was approved as amended

II. Principal's Report

A. Joint Use program for Basketball

Two boys were interested in the program, there was a short video conference next week. Housing arrangements were being made. There would be no home games.

Lisa Stanish- Spoke in support of the program and having a home game, it is good for younger students to see.

B. Budget update

The borough would be presenting the budget through Polycom on the 12th at 6:00pm. Historically it was just an overview where they would take questions. He spoke to his concern with the PTR already being set.

III. New Business

A. Elections – New Member: Welcome Paula Elvsaas

Welcome Paula!

B. Appoint Positions

Positions were appointed as: President- Cameron, Vice President Elvsaas, Secretary Geagel

C. Officer Elections per Bylaws/ Non-Parent Position;

Cameron- Spoke to changing the by-laws to include more members.

Steve Stanish- Spoke in opposition of the change.

Lisa Stanish- Spoke to encouraging people interested in PAC to attend meetings.

Ambrosier- Spoke of the party interested in joining PAC having been informed of the meeting, but was unsure she wanted to attend.

D. Possible Bylaws amendment to Council Membership

E. Parent/Teacher Conference

Ambrosier- The district sets the schedule for parent teacher conferences with the help of the calendar committee. He spoke to having heard parents that were in opposition of the Friday/ Monday schedule. Schools were not available with the new schedule and tournaments had to be rescheduled. He would report to the district with two official school statements.

Purpura- Spoke in opposition of the Friday/Monday schedule. Custodian staff were unable to complete their cleaning schedules.

Cameron- Spoke in opposition of the Friday/Monday schedule. It was disruptive to the classroom and homework schedule.

Lisa Stanish- Spoke in opposition of the Friday/Monday schedule. The new schedule caused pool frustration with not enough time allowed for normal dry deck cleaning.

IV. Old Business

A. Parent/School Support Programs

Cameron- Spoke to the conversation of the previous meeting on how to support parents, staff, and students with a support program for students and parents transitioning into 6th grade.

Ambrosier- Spoke to the transition from 8th to 9th as well with grade expectations for graduation.

Amy Gilson- Spoke to preschool step up day in the spring and discussing changes and transitions at the next PAC meeting.

Lisa Stanish- Spoke to transition being easier if there was a middle school teacher.

Bornheimer- Spoke to it not making sense to have a spring transition day if they did not know who the teacher would be. It was setting up bad expectations.

B. PAC Bulletin Board

Geagel- Spoke to using the bulletin board by the gym for PAC and posting a calendar of events.

Ambrosier- Spoke to the next event coming up being the Christmas program.

Amy Gilson- Presented a rough draft of events made the previous year. One thing that was not addressed was the yearbook, a potential place for help, along with the student council. Ronene coordinated as the staff person for the Halloween carnival but it was a place someone could step in. Students planned their own spirit week. The Christmas program was coming up followed by the traditional family breakfast. After the winter break there would be the Spelling Bee and the Geography Bee and the school could use help with judging. There could be a second spirit week in February. Battle of the Books, close up to D.C., Track and Field, Booster Club Auction, Prom, and then the last day picnic.

Lisa Stanish- Spoke to there being more information on the Booster Club Auction after the next Booster Club meeting.

Geagel- Inquired if there would be funds for a track and field coach.

Ambrosier- Spoke to having put in for funds and that track and field would be right after spring break.

V. People to be heard

Lisa Stanish- Spoke to the need for more staff including a middle school teacher. The current staff was fabulous, it wasn't a staff problem, but a problem with being overtaxed. Last year the district asked Seldovia to choose to have a teacher and part-time principal or teacher/principal. Would they have gotten another teacher if they would have picked a

teacher/principal? Polycom was helping a little bit, but it was impossible to ask 6th grade to step up to a 12th grade level, so what is happening was the level was being brought down a little bit. The school board's focus this year is safety and equity and it was not happening in Seldovia. She spoke in support of getting away from funding the PTR for small schools.

Cameron- Spoke to this being an annual problem with feeling that the kids were not being prioritized.

Steve Stanish- Inquired if low staffing was due to the budget for the size of the building.

Ambrosier- Stated that it was not due to the size of the building. He spoke with Ms. Carey at the district and the obvious glaring inconsistencies were pointed out. She brought up that inequalities exist and that there was the possibility for change with another small school board meeting. The issue she be addressed with the Seldovia representative Zen as well. He spoke in support of having another teacher.

VI. Council Comments

Cameron- Thanked everyone, great conversation. It is people like you that take the time that keep it going. The school district knows we care immensely and will keep doing so.

Elvsas- So happy to be back.

VII. Schedule Next Meeting: January 21st 2020 7:00 pm Commons

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm Elvsas/Geagel