



Fernbank Elementary Principal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2023
Time: 3pm-3:45pm
Location: Fernbank Administration Conference Room

Attendees

- Josh Bornstein, Secretary
- Catherine Corser, Teacher
- Christina Heda, Teacher
- Alison Eber
- Kristina Johnson
- Steve Langdon, Chair
- Jeff Oliver
- Martina Stanley
- Simone Willingham, Assistant Principal
- Aaronlyn Wright, Principal

Absent Members:

- Becky Vaughn, Teacher
- Khalia Williams, Vice Chair

00 – Welcome

- Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda approved unanimously.

01 – PAC Items

- PAC Members
 - Photos for websites
- Assistant Principal Search
 - It is anticipated that a new AP will be in place in the next several weeks.

02 – Principal Report

- COVID Protocols
 - DCSD Policies
 - No changes.
 - Surveillance Testing
 - No changes. Not many cases in school.
- CSIP Status
 - No change in status. Milestones and Winter MAP will be used to adjust CSIP for next year.
- Student Counts and Classroom Teacher Status
 - Additional K Grade Teacher
 - Ms. Wright engaged with staff and provided all day support to the two teachers asking for it. Teachers and parents are satisfied.
 - Ms. Taylor to fulltime IB
 - Ms. Kelly will be in IB full-time next year and a new teacher will be hired for 5th grade next year. No changes for this year are needed and IB agrees with our approach.

- Next year, it is hoped that we will have an additional K teacher and an additional 1st grade teacher. There will be six K and six 1st grade classes.
- Specials Teachers and Staff
 - No changes. Continued happiness with Ms. Gladney.

03 – Students and Teachers

- Winter MAP Testing
 - Data looks good and has been shared with families.
- Canvas
 - Everyone will have one assignment in Canvas for tomorrow’s remote learning day.

04 – DeKalb County School District / Region 2

- Cross Council Meeting Recap
 - A PDF summary was sent out. Student advancement was a focus looking at full suite of post-high school options (college, military, technical schools, workforce development, and life readiness). COVID food banks are continuing for community support. School-based health was discussed to continue efforts to be used as a community health hub. Breakout sessions brought out a success of Druid Hills cluster in alignment across multiple topics.
 - Math standards are being changed; 3rd and 5th standards and ordering are being adjusted next year. High school MAP requires changes based on order of curriculum.
- Druid Hills Cluster Alliance
 - Wendy Drew is the new chair.
 - The District IB Coordinator presented challenges on who was taking advantage of programs and difference in racial/ethnic background of schools vs. IB participation in high schools. Example of a hurdle: student identification for accelerated math must occur by Grade 6 in order to avoid 2 math course requirement in high school to be in IB. Another hurdle is that it is very hard to get IB and college credit simultaneously due to stringent IB requirements combined with rigor of college credit courses.
 - Avondale has a 100-year birthday this month. There will be an auction to celebrate this and other occurrences across the cluster.
- Red Devil Task Force
 - DHHS PAC creating a Construction Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - This is a subcommittee focused on construction and renovation activities. This involves PAC in the construction process.

05 – Facility Items

- Fernbank Work Order Status
 - There is nothing outstanding at this time.

06 – PTA and Foundation Update

- PTA
 - Kindergarten Round Up is tomorrow!
 - Nominations for PTA next year are underway.
- Auction Recap
 - Huge success. Over \$100K raised for the Foundation.
 - The slate for leaders is looking good.
- End of Year Events
 - Student Ambassador night is March 30.

- Spring picnic will be in April.

07 – General

- PAC Self-assessment will be coming out this month from DCSD
- DHHS Foundation auction was a success as well!
- **April 13 PAC meeting is canceled.**