

Oakridge Elementary
School Advisory Council Minutes
September 5, 2018

Overview

The purpose of this meeting is to initiate the 2018-2019 School Advisory Committee.

Goals

- Increase Student Achievement
- Dive Deeper into Curriculum/Instruction
- Improve Academic/Behavioral Strategies for ALL Students
- Increase Community Engagement

Agenda

- I. Welcome! Meeting called to order at 7:31am by Mr. Aguilar, Principal.
 - Introductions around the room. Mr. Aguilar welcomes the staff, parents, and community members in attendance.
 - District has 3 goals:
 - i. High Quality Instruction - provided by the instructional staff and supported by the coaches.
 - ii. Continuous Improvement - All stakeholders are responsible for this through SAC and other measures.
 - iii. Effective Communication - Parent Links, Emails, Facebook, Twitter. We want to communicate with stakeholders frequently so all parties are informed.
- II. Announcements
 - Mark your calendars for SAC meetings 7:30 A.M.
Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar 6,
Apr. 3, May 1
 - Please plan on attending these meetings as we need parent involvement.
 - DAC Meetings KCW 6:30 P.M.
Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec, 12, Jan.9, Feb. 13, Mar.13, Apr. 10, May 8
 - District Advisory Meetings. Both Mrs. Pendlebury and Mr. Aguilar sit on this committee.
 - Sept. 26 Dads Take Your Child to School Day
 - Dads are encouraged to bring their child to school. They will be invited to join the students for breakfast in the cafeteria.
 - Approval of minutes
 - Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the May SAC minutes. Ms. Tsetsakis seconds the motion. Minutes approved.
- III. Topics
 - What are SAC & SAF?
 - Board Composition - We must have 51% of the board be represented by parents/stakeholders. The board has to represent the demographics of the school population. This can sometimes cause an issue when we lack parent participation. Composition members will have to be replaced off the board if they miss 3+ SAC meetings in the year. We must also have subgroups that represent the different subgroups of the student population.

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- SAC VS SAF - SAC makes decisions to better and benefit the school. SAC also makes decisions on how certain funds are spent at the school level. SAC is made up of staff and community stakeholders. SAC monitors the School Improvement Plan. SAF - We have 1 parent representative that attends the district level SAF meetings. He/She will bring any topics for discussion back to SAC from the SAF meeting. They also bring any concerns from the school level to the district meeting. We are currently looking for a SAF representative.
- School Website/BCPS App
 - BCPS App - Download from the App store. It saves all the parent link notifications from the school. It also provides district level updates.
 - Mr. Chung (the OES Microtech) is responsible for the upkeep of the OES website. Our school site is the “model” for the district. Please visit it and bookmark it. We keep the calendar updated with our events.
- 2019-2020 Calendar
 - The county has begun looking at proposed calendars for next school year. Mrs. Pendlebury has provided two of the possible options.
- District 1 School Board Elections
 - There will be a runoff in November between current District 1 School Board member, Ann Murray and Jim Silvernale. While we as a school can not endorse one candidate over the other, we encourage community members to go to the polls in November and vote. If you are not a registered voter, you may still register until October.
- Safety and Security
 - Gate Feedback:
 - Parent feedback - Found it annoying at first. Inconvenient for parents with no phone. They have no way to contact the office. Can the district put some type of phone or buzzer at the gate?
 - Solution - If we had money - We could hire a “gate monitor”. The cost would be \$8.05 per hour.
 - District Stipend - \$550 per person who opens the gate. The cost will outweigh hiring a specific person assigned to the gate.

IV. Motions

- Nothing currently on the table to make motions on.

V. Old Business

- No old business that needs to be revisited.

VI. New Business

- Hispanic Unity - 10 week program that helps families to strengthen their foundations and parenting skills at home. Dinner is served from 6-6:30 followed by an activity with the kids from 6:30-7:00. From 7:00-8:00 students and parents will participate in break-out sessions. Parents and kids are trained on the same topics but geared towards the appropriate audience level. Families that complete the program will receive an \$80 gift card for participating. This is a free program for up to 12 families.

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VII. Reports

- SAF
 - Mrs. Isaac has volunteered to be the SAF liaison for Oakridge. Meetings are held at McArthur HS monthly and she will report out information received at the following SAC meeting.
- PTA - Mrs. Muhammed (PTA President)
 - Movie Night - 9/21/18
 - In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the PTA will be showing the movie Coco.
 - Parents are encouraged to bring blankets and comfy clothes to make it an enjoyable evening.
 - PTA will be selling concessions.
 - Miss Moore will be creating a flyer for the event to go home to students.
 - PTA membership drive is currently going on. Please sign up to be a PTA member.
- Principal's Report - Mr. Aguilar
 - School Data/School Grade - We have been yo-yoing on and off the lowest 300 schools. We are back off the lowest 300 list although we dropped back down to a "D" school grade. Oakridge is struggling, 2/3 of our students struggle to meet proficiency in ELA, Math, and Science.
 - UNISYG Grant - Oakridge is the recipient of the UNISYG Grant. More information regarding the grant will be forthcoming.
- Title I - Miss Moore
 - Miss Moore gave a brief explanation of the Title I Program. She is currently looking for 3 parents to volunteer their time to be the parent representatives to attend Title I Parent Trainings that occur monthly. Mrs. Boegli, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Isaac, and Mrs. Muhammed all expressed an interest in being a parent representative and would like to follow up with Miss Moore for more information. There are no other Title I updates at this time.

VIII. Adjourn - Mr. Aguilar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33am. Mrs. Boegli seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Questions & Comments

Thank you so much for your involvement!