



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Location: Room 135 ~ Time: 7:40 A.M.

- I. Welcome – Mrs. Valentino called the meeting to order at 7:43 A.M.
- II. Previous Meeting Minutes – Ms. Weber read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mrs. Dubanewicz motioned to approve. Mrs. D’Elia seconded.
- III. SAC Accountability Money
 - a. Mrs. Valentino shared that a sub committee was formed, Mrs. Nurrito, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Dubanewicz, Dr. Paraiug, and Mrs. Valentino met to discuss how to spend the money that we have. They met on November 8th. Teachers were invited to attend today if they had a suggestion for how to spend the money. Mrs. Bishop suggested literacy info text magazines (\$1200) for grades K-5 (Weekly Reader, Ranger Rick), Kindergarten team is looking for a testing platform that will cost about \$160 per teacher. Mrs. Valentino suggested a school license to a program called Braining Camp (virtual math manipulatives) for the school at a cost of \$499. It would support the CRA model that we are using here at school. Dr. Paraiug suggested purchasing storage containers for our STEMScopes bags, total would be approximately \$200-\$300 and having SAC contribute towards a high achieving field trip (in house) for those kids to engage in problem solving skills. Mrs. Nurrito suggested a contribution of \$500 to the end of the year field trip for the ASD cluster students. STEM covered this cost last year. Safety was discussed at this meeting, the cost of the buzzer (\$10,000) is more than the amount of money that we have. The committee suggested looking for a less costly option. The effectiveness of the safety measure was discussed. Miscellaneous items discussed, cafeteria traffic light to assist in helping to control the voice level in the cafeteria (\$300-\$400), Mrs. Nurrito would like to have a sensory room here at Liberty where students can go to deescalate and calm down or as a place of reward (cost TBD). Fifth grade is looking to leave a tile wall behind as they graduate from Liberty. Each tile will get a white tile to decorate, it will be glazed, and hung up here at Liberty. We have a group called Latinos in Action that comes to work as mentors with our ELL students. The committee would like to earmark \$250 as incentives for our students so the high schoolers do not have to pay out of pocket. Ms. Jones would like supplies (jump ropes and shirts) to start a Double Dutch Club here at Liberty. Ms. Jones made a suggestion for the fifth grade to decorate or dedicate a bench which would be a lesser cost option. We need an update from Mr. Skolnick as to what he purchased and Mr. Levine on what still needs to be purchased. Mrs. Valentino, Mrs. Nurrito, and Mrs. Dubanewicz were elected at the last meeting as a sub committee to expedite the spending of the money. Mrs. D’Elia as the BTU representative needs to be added to the committee. PTA will be purchasing Tenmarks for the grade 3-5 students. Mrs. Valentino would like to email the staff today asking if they have a suggestion for how to spend the accountability. Mrs. Valentino will showcase all of the options for teachers to look at in order for the decision on how to spend the money.
- IV. School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - a. Ms. Styles shared the changes that are being implemented on this year’s School Improvement Plan. Best practice number one is professional development for teachers and how teachers can help our students using the data to drive instruction. Best practice number two is a high quality RTI process (Response to Intervention), it is a meeting to discuss students who are struggling and interventions that we can use to help them be successful in the classroom. Meetings are held every 6 weeks to gather updates on the students and to see if changes need to be made to the current intervention plan. Best

practice number two also factors in student attendance. Attendance is being monitored and letters are sent home to parents when students have excessive absences. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) was discussed at the last meeting along with our schoolwide positive behavior plan. Best practice number three discusses internal and external relationships here at school which is based on student, teacher, and parent surveys. Our overall rating students rated us lowest, parents and staff gave higher ratings. The thought with students is that their conceptual understanding of the questioning being asked. Hard copies of the surveys went home to parents, computers were set up at a movie night for parents to utilize, raffles were provided to parents at this PTA event for taking the survey). Best practice number 4 deals with continuous improvement. Our goal is to improve the data collection process and allow that data to drive our instruction.

V. Next SAC Meeting Date

- a. Our next meeting will take place at 3:15 on Tuesday, December 11th.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Mrs. Valentino concluded the meeting at 8:20 am.