

SES SAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 28 February 2024
3-4 PM

Attendance:

- Chris Stevenson Drake, Elaine Richards, Holly Richardson, Denise Marrapode, Heidi Batchelder, Rock Stottler, Megan Zielinski, Mark Laughlin, Principal Stein.

Meeting Start 3:03pm

- No announcements

Principal Report: Strategic School Improvement update

- Math Update
 - BVSD has presented a pathway for how students move forward in math from 5th to middle school. The pathways are now more transparent for families and allows more flexibility for students in term of which math trajectory they can opt into or out of
 - For 3-5: letters home to parents about options for math learning options. One such opportunity is for 4th graders to take all of 4th and 5th grade math in one year, and then accelerate forward. Also opportunities for students to onboard or offboard different math pathways with each elementary grade level based on testing, teacher recommendations, and family input
- Strategic Goals
 - On track with major goals
 - Pleased with growth as a school for data-driven and informed culture across all facets of school life, including behavior etc
 - Next year Principal Stein wants to document positive phone calls home, not just the negative, to reinforce a positive, celebratory culture
 - Mid-year data is showing majority of students are on grade level and for those students who are behind, they are behind at that their grade level. Very few students grossly behind. Feel like the interventions currently enacting in school are proving effective
 - School goals have been successful over the last two years, which is terrific. It also previews that we'll have a new 2-year unified improvement plan starting in SY24-25
 - Goals will revolve strongly around math goals considering that SY24-25 will be an implementation/learning year for new BVSD reading curriculum "Into the Reading"

Meeting Discussion: Parent Engagement

- Survey – understanding parent connectedness/engagement to inform future school planning
 - Used the Starting Points Family-Friendly Community Partnership Inventory as a baseline. Intention is to house the survey with SES, so that we can roll it forward and build on results/data in future years.

- Directly used Supporting Student Success, Speaking Up for Every Child, and Sharing Power sections. Then added questions/sections on the Blue Ribbon status and some DEI inclusions
- o Timeframe - March and include PTA fundraiser event (19th) however Sweet Cow will not allow SAC representatives to promote SES or conduct the survey on their premises. Other timeframe discussed for survey in late April to include the PTA Purple Park party as potential for collecting survey responses. Mark suggested using a Queue code and PTA would help pass out pamphlets at drop off and pick up times as another way to get the survey out to families.
- o Respondents will have the option to enter a raffle for a gift card to the Sweet Cow Fundraiser
- o SAC reviewed and revised the draft survey

DAC Report (Denise) Feb 6 was last meeting: Regarding the Open Enrollment (OE) policy and put forth as memo to the board due to lack of equity in the process. Some issues are that not all feel that they have access to OE process. There are inequities in the process and that includes transportation needs. Pre-School: 5 half days and enrichment options which is a positive change from this year. Funding has increased at state level.

DPC Report (Rock) Gifted and Talented and Math data, coordinator Heather Hansen shared about math pathway and talking more about ways to create more opportunities for students who are ready for math classes at the accelerated level. The accelerated math is challenging for students and teachers. This work is a BVSD initiative. GT Coordinator - not enough support and funding from parents and shared a lack of challenge and lack of programming. Funding is not enough to support the increase in the program. BVEA contracts are under negotiation at this time. 1,069 students enrolled outside of district into BVSD. Boulder Tech has 2 new programs including outdoor science and culinary programming for our 11-12 students. Neurodiversity training coming to schools and a new policy is coming to BVSD and through a survey, families can make their voice heard.

PTA Report (Mark)

- Minimal PTA funds available may be set aside for potential SAC expenditures on as-needed basis (example: SAC survey raffle prize), understanding that SAC is a no-budget committee.
 - o Party at Purple Park on Apr 26, 2024
 - o Annual drive is coming up next week - expect pamphlets with details and ways to donate.
 - o Budget meeting taking place in May
 - o Next Meeting on March 13, 2024

Other business: Chris mentioned that we still have not been able to fill the SAC Community Member representative spot. Requested members to think of possibilities for next year, if not the remainder of this one.

Meeting ran long - no time to discuss next meeting topics. Pending continued email discussion in the upcoming week to include:

- 1) Changes and additions to the draft survey, including a section on school communication and its effectiveness.
- 2) Dates to field the SAC survey - stick to proposed March dates and request survey responses from Sweet Cow parking lot? Change to april to coordinate with the PTA Purple park party? The data will be used for next year's planning in SAC and the school, so timing may not be an issue.
- 3) SAC meeting topics for March and April - Chris to send a doodle poll for members to vote.

Meeting End: 4:15 PM.