

SAC and PTA Meeting Minutes - 11.16.21

Start Time: approx 6:15pm

Meeting Attendees:

Katie Lynch
Amanda Schmidt
Kara Lewis
Cathy Frey
Sheetal Parsons
Virginia Wallace
Elizabeth Sable
Tamara Emg
Eric Fritz
Kyoko Okada
Mary Busam
Hope Crawley
Dina Briere
Lara Rockwell
Sarah Amanda Lewis
Erin Turley
Holly Garin
Katie Wilson
Wayne Marrs
Dita Merrit
Esther O

New SAC Members & Positions:

Wayne Mars and Tamara Emge were voted into the NRE SAC based on a school wide vote.

Virginia Wallace was a very close 3rd place in the school wide vote for new SAC members. (Article IV, Section A, 6) in the bylaws allows for the principal to add another parent voting position on the SAC if a majority vote approves the addition. A majority vote was successfully held to elect Virginia Wallace to the NRE SAC, and she is now an elected voting member.

As of 11.16.21 the NRE SAC is unable to find someone to fill the community member position.

Tamara Emge was voted into the DAC position on the NRE SAC.

Virginia Wallace was voted into the Secretary position on the NRE SAC.

Wayne Mars is hopefully willing to be Vice President of the NRE SAC. A vote will be held during the January NRE SAC meeting to confirm.

The above portion of the 11.16.21 NRE SAC Meeting Minutes were typed by Kara Lewis, SAC President. The following are typed by the new NRE SAC Secretary, Virginia Wallace.

PTA Report:

Approximately \$ 34,7501 given back to NRE this year

- Classroom supplies \$ 7K
- Specials supplies \$5K
- Online & Instructional Resources \$ 16,671
- Teacher appreciation approx. \$ 1800
- Teacher Grants - \$ 3,686
- Exterior Garbage Can Lids

Fundraising around \$ 36,500 this year – Fun run was one of the biggest, as well as our Restaurant nights, thank you for your generosity!

PTA Events:

- Bingo
- Multicultural Night (Huge Success – Everyone was so happy to be able to do this one in person)
- Teacher appreciation

Upcoming events:

- Flower Sale – PTA has few flowers left for last minute orders!
- Penny Drive – tomorrow is last day!!
- Holiday Shop – Friday Dec 3rd
 - 8 AM – 4PM
 - If you know any potential vendors please send to ptanorthridge@gmail.com

Recruitment

Has been a focus this year and will continue to be next year, we're seeing more numbers which is amazing!

Board Member elections are coming up in March for the 2022/23 School year

Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications

Staff Report:

Kindergarten

- Thanksgiving hidden turkeys are the walls

1st Graders:

- Winter holiday traditions from around the round

2nd Grand:

- Different holidays from around the world – They will be be disp

2nd grade Discovery:

- Where you live affect how you live

3rd Grade:

- Native American units
- Stone Fox

4th Grade:

- dissected Owl pellets
- Auto Bon they get to build skeletons and how they shape your body

5th Grade:

- Upcoming Ameritown Field trip
- Studying finances

6th Grade:

- Chemical properties and physical properties

SSN:

- Learning character traits
- Increasing vocabulary to help describe a person not just a physical trait

Other School Events and Updates -

Kindness Challenge: Engage in acts of Kindness, and how to show Kindness.

Mental Health: Collect Food for Food Drive (Tons of donations, thank you for your generosity!)

SOS Club created cards for children in hospital

Goody Bags are given to brand new students in school, and they get tour of school

Mandarin: Learn how to create names in Mandarin

Principal Report:

- Substitute Teacher – There is a huge shortage currently, currently we are doing well because we have our set teachers that help cover schools. Other schools are really struggling.
- Important Notices Regarding becoming a Substitute Teacher:

- DCSD will reimburse of obtaining or renewing a Substitute Authorization through CDE upon hire as a licensed substitute teacher.
 - § All Substitute Authorization issued/paid for within the 60 Days prior to your hire date are eligible for reimbursement
 - § Receipt must be submitted to Rachel Dreiling for review and approval
 - § Steps given to become a substitute teacher in slide show if interested or if you know anyone whose interested
 - § Base pay rate \$ 150 Full Day/\$80 Half Day
 - § Friday Pay Rate is \$ 170 Full/\$90 Half Day
 - § Long Term Assignments \$190 Full Day/\$95 Half Day\
 - § Also note:
 - You can potentially put as your availability as North Ridge
 - You can also denote that you can only do specific days
 - You can also choose grade levels
- What happens when there is a shortage of subs?
 - § Our school pulls flood for the Day if needed
 - § There is an extra help teacher in Kindergarten who obtained her Colorado Teaching License so she can help out
 - § Worst of the worst case – We can split classes if needed (then current teachers would each get a portion of the affected class)
 - § Possibility to go remote if needed

· **DAC Budget Survey:**

- We will need to vote by December 15th, 2021
- Please ensure you submit Feedback to Kara regarding the Budget by **Friday November 19th**
- **Different Areas for Budget:**
 - § BASE support and Scholarships – Support mean hiring staff/supplies, also having a scholarship to help families who can't afford Base but desperately need it
 - This would also be an area that would help with extra funding. Extra funding would be able to help with scholarships and day to day things like snacks for the students.
 - § COVID response: Any items gathered/needed for COVID
 - One big area of need is getting extra nurses to assist when students/families need to do quarantines.
 - We are super lucky that Monica has been able to stay on with us, but extra help would be amazing
 - § Licensing and Software and Tech Support: All Software and Licensing required for all remote learners. This includes full remote students, or if they chose to stay home due.
 - Ex: Hapara – help purchased by PTA. This program helps show the teacher what the kiddos are doing on their computers.

§ Supplemental Mental Health Supports: Social Worker, School Psych, etc. It has been a huge help to have a male in our mental health team. The boys in the school feel they have a great advocate for them to go to.

- This would be Katie's number one area if we were given extra funding
- Christina has been amazing to have as a support
 - Monthly lessons in classrooms
 - Small group support
 - Individual counseling – This is helpful when students are dealing with hard situations ie. Losing someone to COVID, car accidents etc.

§ Target Tutoring/Student Support: This was given by the school during the Summer last year to help a targeted group of students that were notated as needing the extra help.

- Currently we have a tutor that's paid via the district that can help students directly
- This is different than ESY that would only be targeted towards Special needs students. If any students fall under this need, they would also be able to get it via their IEP services.
- Resources are included in the link for further information if needed
- Please send any questions or concerns to Kara

DAC Report:

- Mask Debate – Still up in the air, we're waiting on a final update from District level
- There isn't a current percentage that we would need to hit to have to close Counties again. (Katie hasn't heard of)
- Currently on winter Forum
 - Possibly sometime in February, potential themes:
 - § Mental Health will be overarching Theme
 - § What does it look like for students coming back from COVID?
 - § More specific items will be given at next meeting in January
 - § Currently at our school, students can first speak to teacher to let them know. If it's an emergency, we can expedite if needed
- UIP Unified Improvement Plan was updated: Timing was changed, we will need to work on that next year to get it submitted.

DBC Report:

- Meeting tomorrow afternoon (after school)
 - Recap from Conference
 - A lot of resources for discovery parents

- Younger Discovery Students are showing signs of struggling to getting back into routine of being in classroom. Hopeful we will be able to have parents in the classroom next semester.
- A lot of Funding was given past couple of months:
 - Subsidies part of the Challenger mission Field Trip
 - § Discover 5th and 6th graders – Colorado Spring Challenger Space mission reenactment
 - § Students didn't have to pay more than \$ 35
 - Teachers were able to stay at the hotel for the NAGT (National Conference for Gifted and Talented)
 - § Some of our teachers were presenters during the conference
- Reusable Bags for Popcorn Fridays

Open Forum:

Thanksgiving Meal is happening tomorrow

How is Wonders going?

- It is a lot to get started
- Some Feedback – we need better training as it is a lot to get started
- Vocabulary and Grammar is a lot stronger as part of the curriculum
- There is also a lot more writing
- April PD (Professional Development Day) will start training and offer it through Summer
- Hope Crawley Feedback: Excellent Curriculum but it is a lot of information. Positive - Each classroom teacher can put their own spin on the curriculum. This is super helpful for a brand-new teacher. It is also helpful for a seasoned teacher who may need some extra resources.

Wayne will be voted in next meeting (technologies issues today)

Greenhouse Gases: Idling Cars

- Idling Campaign has been done in the past – possibly revisit with PTA
- Possibly have student council have cardboard signs to assist
- We may also be able to get a cute Turtle sign donated to put around Car Loop