

# **SAC Meeting Minutes**

## **Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**Media Center, 5:00 PM**



*Guiding Statement Power 5: Champion Voice! We can unlock spectacular, unimagined results when we respect, pay attention to, and champion [student] voice (p. 91). [Student] voice transforms culture (p. 92).*

*“You help people grow up.” – Elsa Ingratta*

### **Welcome**

Meeting started at 5:00 pm with everyone introducing themselves.

### **Testing Updates: Mrs. Poley**

- PSAT October 13: Approximately 387 students will be taking the PSAT. The test takes about 5 hours. Teachers will pass out packets about the PSAT to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms. Those in 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades can pick up their packets in Guidance starting September 20. This information will be in the Monday Report. Students need to check their class cohort Google Classroom to see where they will be reporting to take the test on October 13.
- Fall retakes: We are in the window for fall retakes. We have been testing all week for the following: Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, FSA ELA, US History EOC, and Biology EOC.
- AP Spanish results: We just received the AP Spanish results, and Ms. Perotti and her AP Spanish students earned a 100% pass rate.
- MAP (Measure Academic Progress) testing: Students just finished testing within the initial window. The following subjects fall under MAP: 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math, Algebra 1, and Geometry. Their winter testing window is in January, and then there will be a spring window before EOC testing. This aligns with the school improvement plan's goal of increased and meaningful progress monitoring.

- Read 180: Read 180 is a computer-based assessment which was finished in Language Arts classes. The second assessment will be in November and then again in the spring. Read 180 affects the following grades: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> (the latter in FSA retakes only). Read 180 replaces last year's ELA progress monitoring tool, Reading Plus, but the purpose is the same: that data received from serial testing will inform teachers' instructional decisions, per our school improvement plan.
- FSA changes to come in 2022-2023: We all have heard about the changes on the news regarding an end to FSA testing after the current school year, but that is all the information that we have received as well. Once we know more, we will inform parents via the Monday Report.

### **Security/Facilities Update: Mrs. Ingratta**

- School sign: Grace Methodist, under Edgewood parent Pastor Steve Hart, donated money for our new school spirit sign on Merritt Avenue. The design has been approved.
- Spirit wear: Coach Wu has put out information for new spirit wear, which will be in the Monday Report. All proceeds will go to Edgewood athletics.
- Facilities update: Building 8 is almost complete. Next on the list is the press box and the tennis courts. The driver's ed range has been resurfaced and has been renumbered for evacuation drills. We are looking to update our track as well.
- Security: We are following all state guidelines and we completed the required four different types of drills before September 9.

### **COVID Updates: Mrs. Ingratta**

- When measuring COVID tracing, we are to measure human distance as 3 feet instead of 6 feet apart.
- We are still under a mask mandate policy. The school board meets again on September 21, so expect more information following that meeting.
- We will keep parents updated on any changes and will continue to make students and parents aware via email (not text) when we have a positive case.

- The district is receiving Binax home tests, and Edgewood will be receiving 360 of these kits. Ten percent of the kits will be reserved for staff, but the others will go home with a symptomatic student.

### **Student Activities Update: Mrs. Ingratta**

- Senior Color Run: The Senior Color Run starts off our Spirit Week activities and will happen on Friday, September 24, after school for the whole senior class. This year we are able to engage the whole senior class in one big (powdered) paint-throwing event (last year, due to COVID restrictions, the seniors participated in smaller groups, one at a time).
- Spirit Week: September 27 – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> with introducing our homecoming court at the volleyball game on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to district rules, Edgewood is not sponsoring a homecoming dance.

### **School Improvement Plan: Mrs. Phillips**

- School drafts are due on September 17. As of the meeting, administrators were still working on it, and several key pieces of information are still to be uploaded by the state.
- The final plan will be due on November 5. Administration will send out the draft to the SAC committee on September 21 so members can review the document and gather questions for our next SAC meeting, which is on October 28. At that time, the council will vote to amend and approve the final version of the plan.

### **Article: “How to Support Teenagers as They Head Back to School”: Mrs. Phillips**

- Mrs. Phillips shared this article about how parents can more effectively encourage their students to share their feelings as well as how to avoid pushing too hard. The topic of Power Hour was raised as a useful tool to avoid student stress, either by seeking help and catching up or by finding quiet space to decompress during the school day, by relaxing or reading.
- Mrs. Ingratta discussed the advantages of Power Hour. Dr. Emgushov asked student members of the council to share how they feel about Power Hour and how they have used it.
- SAC students mentioned that they missed Power Hour when it was suspended last year and that it offers one-on-one time with a teacher when they need it.
- Mrs. Robbins mentioned that students are able to participate in clubs again on campus during Power Hour.

- Mrs. Ingratta mentioned that the district gave us money for outside tables for the students to use during Power Hour. Students are finding where they want to use their hour. Lunch crowding was initially an issue, but it seems to have worked itself out after interim reports and numbers in the cafeteria have dropped now that more students are involved in clubs.

There were no questions. The meeting ended at 5:45 pm.

The next SAC meeting will be at 5 pm on October 28 in the Media Center. At the current time, meetings continue to be closed to the public in order to maintain distancing, but the agenda will be posted on Edgewood's SAC page in advance of the meeting, and minutes will also be posted in the days following the meeting.