**Wards Creek School Advisory Council**

**March 6, 2017**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Attendees are attached on a separate list.

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Wards Creek Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Wards Creek Elementary Media Center on March 6, 2017. Stacey Farrell called the meeting to order 6:03. Dana Smith recorded minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from last month’s meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Andrea Janssen and Jenna Miller seconded the motion.

Correction Made: Heather Clubb made corrections the last month’s numbers given for the Parent Survey and Staff Survey. Only 93 parents have completed the survey. (Second Grade has had greatest response.) Only 48 staff members have completed the survey. Heather will send out reminders.

**SRF Ballot Discussion and Vote:**

Heather Clubb reported that the vote on the SRF will begin on the Thursday after Spring Break. That voting opportunity will end the next day. If there is a majority for one of the selections, then it’s done. If there is not a majority, then the selection that gets the fewest votes will be removed from the ballot, and another voting period will occur. Upon conclusion of the voting, the results will be brought back to SAC to be voted on to approve or not, and that information will be sent to the District.

The previous year’s SRF were included in the February 15th paychecks.

**PTO Report – Megan Bastow:**

* Daddy/Daughter Dance was a success.
* The Glow Run is March 31. The proceeds are divided among WCE, MCE, and PB Middle schools. We need more sponsors.

**Principal’s Report**

Mrs. Jarrell asked if PTO Board needed more/new board members. Mrs. Bastow said they are meeting tomorrow to find out who is staying and leaving. After that they will announce openings and for interested people.

Mrs. Jarrell then asked the SAC members what they wanted to know about.

* The District will purchase the iReady diagnostic assessment for all the schools. It us up to the individual schools as to whether the instructional piece will be purchased.
* The Teacher Toolbox gives teachers information from the assessments. It costs $8,000.
* Mrs. Jarrell wants to purchase the instructional piece for iReady for our school. She plans on using the $13,000 - $14,000 saved from not purchasing AR and AM to purchase the instructional piece.
* The District paid for Study Island but has already decided not to get it next year.
* Achieve 3000 has been a success for our students as students need to be challenged. Mrs. Jarrell is planning on using monies from Supplemental Academics fund to purchase it.
* It was asked if how iReady would be used for children with learning difficulties. Mrs. Jarrell responded that the diagnostic assessment is adaptive, so it will show exactly were the child is academically. The program then generates a diagnostic learning path for each student. It not only address the needs of children with learning disabilities, but also addresses the needs of high-achieving children.
* iReady has also been approved to be used for students who don’t pass the FSA. Those students will go to Summer Reading Camp where iReady will be used.
* Ten Marks is free.
* Khan Academy is free.
* Concerns were voiced about how teachers/grade levels use Ten Marks and Khan Academy, and also which programs were used for grades. Mrs. Jarrell suggested to get clarification from the child’s teacher.
* Mrs. Jarrell said she will bring up the concerns at the next Team Leaders meeting, and to find out who is using what programs.
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* Mrs. Lloyd also asked if there could be a community service team to collect food for children in need.
* Mrs. Williams said that PTO funds could be used to address those needs.
* It is projected that our school population will shrink this year due to opening of the new school, but in two years the number of students will be greater than they are now.

**Adjournment**:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tammy Stewart and Theresa Lloyd seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. The next SAC meeting will be April 10th, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.