

SAC Notes
Wards Creek
February 8, 2024

I. Call to Order

The Wards Creek Elementary Advisory Council Meeting commenced in Wards Creek green house room 450 on February 8th, 2024. Kelly Neel made a motion to call the meeting to order and Danielle LoPinto seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried forward. The meeting started at 3:30 PM. Morgan Brown recorded the minutes for this meeting.

II. Notes: Approved January 2024 notes. Kimberly Pagan made a motion to approve, and Morgan Brown seconded the motion.

III. New Business

- a. Assessment Survey: Assessment survey is going out to parents and staff. With the standard 11 questions. Discussed the importance of comments on the survey as everything is reviewed with SAC as well as staff. Members brought up adding additional questions onto the survey. Those questions were reviewed and added on to the survey going out to the parents. Kelly Neel made a motion to approve survey. Christie Francis seconded the motion.
- b. Principal Update/ Reflection: Kevin commented that FTE week is looking successful. The 2nd progress monitoring is done, and he is working on the data to go over . We have a lot of supports. ESSER is a grant that came out of covid and is going away but with that additional supports are in place. 144 students are in an afterschool program to fill learning gaps. 14 teachers are in the program. More technology was able to be ordered. This summer Kevin received approval for 3rd and 4th grade STEM enrichment activities for the month of June. M, T, and Th. There will be a cooking class for the special needs' population. Kevin is incredibly grateful to receive so many opportunities to meet the needs of the students. There are a lot of great opportunities.

Another round of observations is going on now. Focused on Bloom's taxonomy and higher order questioning. We are really trying to challenge the kids and their thinking because they are ready.

IV. PTO Update

- Daddy daughter dance tomorrow 5:30-8:00. There will be pizza, salad, Rita's ice cream. There will be 538 in attendance. PTO is giving out glow sticks and sunglasses. The event will be spread into two of the houses as well.
- Mother son event coming on March 3rd. Tickets are sold at the door.
- March 4th – March 21st Fun Run (fundraiser). Funds will go to basic student needs and free shirts for the following year. Parents loved getting the shirts for free and felt cohesive.
- Spring market Friday March 1st more info coming

- Vote for upcoming PTO board
- Yearbook for 5th grade ads are due on the 14th of February.
- McTeacher Night Tuesday March 19th & March 20th

V. Next Meeting – March 7th , 2024

Questions and concerns:

Concern with students receiving gifted services next year.

Answer: As far as students and receiving gifted services there is not going to be a change because those students are specifically placed with gifted endorsed teachers. Next year the district is going down to 3 gifted or teachers on assignments it will not be called gifted itinerant. A lot of it will be more educating the teachers to make sure the needs of all students are being met. We are not cutting out gifted . It will not affect the student's education. We are fortunate to have gifted teachers. Gifted teachers coming in is extra. Intentions are PD and PL. We have so many teachers with the exceptionality of a gifted endorsement. It will be being provided from the gifted endorsed teacher rather than someone coming in. It will be a gifted blended model. Fore example in a class there will be 17 gifted plus another 5 students. So, we will not be needing to pull those students out.

Question regarding character resource. Parents would like to know more about it and methods being practiced that could be implemented differently. A suggested example would be that the focus would be what to say to a bully rather than students acting out those scenarios. For example, if a kid is saying this what would you say? Kevin will provide suggestion. Kevin will get some more information out to parents regarding the course. Questioning homework in class. Kevin will inquire. This is a new endeavor . Parent commented they like the course.

VI. Next Meeting: Thursday March 7th at 3:30

VII. Adjourn

Kelly Neel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christie Franci seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 4:26

Attendance

Chair: Kelly Neel

Principal: Kevin Klein

Secretary: Morgan Brown

Members/attendees present:

Christie Francis

Danielle LoPinto

Kevin Klein

Kelly Neel

Morgan Brown

Jennifer Monk

Kimberlee Pagan

Lisa Eckert-Brubaker

Megan Malicoat

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