

SAC Minutes
March 7, 2024

- I. SAC Meeting- 3:30pm Room 450-Green House
The Wards Creek Elementary Advisory Council Meeting commenced in Wards Creek greenhouse room 450 on March 7th, 2024. Kelly Neel made a motion to call the meeting to order and Jennifer Monk seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried forward. The meeting started at 3:31 PM. Morgan Brown recorded the minutes for this meeting.

- II. Review/Approve Notes (February 2024)
Approved February 2024 notes. Christie Francis made a motion to approve, and Danielle LoPinto seconded the motion.

- III. Old Business
 - a. Finance report (same)

- IV. New Business
 - a. School Recognition Money (waiting on district) . Reviewed “A” schools. There is not a timeline for disbursement currently.

 - b. Survey Assessment update (share results)-Survey closes on March 31st.
There were 229 parent respondents on the survey. SAC committee reviewed survey results. Member on committee suggested adding a comment box after each question to elaborate on reasoning. Majority of parents recognized we are doing the best we can despite the changes and growth we have. Feedback received was better communication , more frequent updates especially MTSS and ESE students. They would like more progress reports and feedback between intervals. More parent involvement with school activities. PM2 data is expected to be even better this year. If we keep up our pace, we should be able to increase our scores even higher.

Faculty results: 78 /130 respondents.

Regarding survey it was mentioned that some questions are not relevant to elementary school any may skew results. SAC committee reviewed teacher comments. More responses are needed for SAC survey.

V. Principal Chat:

Discussed the technology we currently have. We have 550 laptops at \$500 each. There has been \$275,000 in technology purchased in the last 2 years. We can test entire grade levels at one time. Other schools are not able to do that or test in a single day. Our school can. Discussed why a parent might say we are lacking technology. Thoughts were that they may not be aware of what we do have at school. More communication of what we have would help with that. Another idea was putting it out in a call or messenger to let parents know what we have and the intentionality with it. More computers are offered for the writing part of test and the computer/typing class. Member asked if we will ever be 1 to 1. No, research shows 1 to 1 is not effective.

- There will be some adjustments with the budget on how schools receive the money and what we are allowed to do with it. Principals are going to have more flexibility with how funds are being used. However, we will be receiving less money than what we have in the past. Admin has us at 1250 students. District has us at 1178. 33 self-contained. 120 going to LPA. The school will not be losing any positions. Portables will remain the same.
- Sales tax milage ballots : Sales tax increase is coming on the ballot and will go towards building new schools. 52 million goes into 6,000 district employees.
- LWC assembly next year. What can we do for next year? Ideas mentioned were to have just the grade level just to do it in the commons. Invite parents of the kids receiving the award. Having a set date on calendar to do it on the calendar and invite parents a week before. Having a celebration for an evening event, or Facetime live event.
- 5th grade ceremony: Students wanted the event to take place at Wards Creek and want to go across the stage. Majority wanted it to be with their peers. It will be livestreamed like last year. Committee member commented that parents are the ones who really want it and they do not necessarily agree with what will be taking place. Parent on sac commented using Pacetti for 5th grade ceremony was

very nice because it gives them an opportunity to get use to the school, they will be attending next year.

VI. PTO Agenda

Daddy/daughter dance : Great event!

Mother/son: Skating

Heart the halls : Teachers loved seeing it in the halls.

Upcoming : McTeacher night . Tuesday 19th k-2 , Wednesday 20th 3-5 .

Quarterly breakfast : Dip into spring

Fun Run: March 4th-19th is the fundraiser. The run is on the 21st . A lot of different incentives to reach money goals. The fun run is broken down into grade levels. There will be two different courses. Volunteers are needed. Julie suggested putting all events with sign ups at the beginning of the year. With a job description. Going forward we want to brainstorm more ideas for room parent/PTO.

Spring Fling coming up. General Board Meeting on March 25th at 4:30

VII. Any Questions/Concerns :

- Question: What was last year's response rate for faculty on SAC survey?
- Question: How are we going to use the feedback from the surveys. Member stated, "It is important to acknowledge and educate or provide insight to those comments. Explain what we do. There are communication outlets we can take advantage of just based on the points of feedback to make sure we are addressing and communicating reasons." An idea regarding this was adding it in the Torch letter.
- Will grade levels be all together? Some are still separated. This is due to houses only holding 8. 2026 is targeted for silverleaf school.
- Where are the kids from liberty pines going? Holly forest. Schools being built now are all K8.
- When is the Silver leaf school opening? 26-27 is the projected silver leaf school opening.

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday April 11, 2024, at 3:30pm

- IX. Adjourn Kelly Neel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Morgan Brown seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 4:44

Attendance

Chair: Kelly Neel

Principal: Kevin Klein

Secretary: Morgan Brown

Members/attendees present:

Christie Francis

Danielle LoPinto

Julie Haynes

Kelly Neel

Morgan Brown

Jennifer Monk

Megan Malicoat