

Robert E. Willis Elementary SAC Meeting

August 25, 2014

Present: Kristan Schwab, Mr. Stenger, Mrs. Danowski, Tricia Eckstrom, Deb Hossenlopp, Rosa Crespo, Jillanne Conelias, Lisa-Marie Albano, Stephanie Hefner, Chris Robertson, Shannon McCoy, Shelley Steiner, Yazzie Bruss

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Kristan Schwab

The Committee was welcomed back to the 2014-2015 school term. Mrs. Danowski was introduced and also welcomed.

Election of SAC Officers: The floor was opened for nominees for SAC officers.

Recommendation by Jillanne Conelias to nominate Kristan Schwab for SAC Chair. Mrs. Schwab accepted the nomination.

Recommendation by Deb Hossenlopp to nominate Jillanne Conelias for Vice Chair. Mrs. Conelias accepted the nomination.

Recommendation by Tricia Eckstrom to nominate Caitlin Saviano for Secretary. Mrs. Saviano accepted the nomination via email.

After the nominations were closed, a verbal vote for SAC officers took place. The vote was unanimous to elect Kristan Schwab as Chair, Jillanne Conelias as Vice Chair, and Caitlin Saviano as Secretary.

Safety: Mr. Stenger reported that the district is working on the security person. At this time we are not sure if they will be using an outside firm or what the process will be.

The dismissal process was discussed. Overall we had a very successful first week of school. There were a few cases where there was some confusion with where some children should have been for pick up but parents were very impressed with the staff and how things were handled. They were wonderful and very conscientious in finding those misplaced students. Dismissal on the first day of school took approximately 50 minutes. Dismissal today was down to 25 minutes. Mrs. Eckstrom brought up her concern with those students exiting the on the left side of the building where there currently is no crossing guard. Mr. Stenger will continue to monitor the process.

Staffing: Mr. Stenger reported that we currently have 6 positions posted; 1-VE Resource position, 4-Aide positions and 1-custodian position.

FCAT Results: Mr. Stenger reported on Last years FCAT results. Willis did outstanding, some of the best scores in the district. Overall we increased 116 points; 683 out of a possible 800; earning us a strong A.

Computers: Willis has received 100 new notebook computers. Once the computers are up and running K, 1 and 2 will do assessments (no curriculum) and 3, 4 and 5 will do 15 minutes per day on Iready reading and 15 minutes per day on Iready Math.

Accelerated Reader: The district purchased AR, but currently there are no books to go along with the program. There is a concern that the depth of knowledge in the testing is at a very low level. There is also some concern with regards to the time it takes to get a quality AR program up and running and the amount of time it will take to perform the testing, and monitor the students, making sure students are reading at their correct level, etc. Mrs. Steiner spoke in support of AR. She asked if parents or the PTO could help support AR by purchasing books, provide testing, etc. She will look into the program and report back with some insight on how to implement.

Charter School: Mrs. Steiner inquired about Willis moving in the direction of becoming a charter school. At this time no one had any information or updates on Rowlett. Mrs. Steiner mentioned that the process of moving to become a charter school will take approximately 2 years. Due to the fact that this is a new endeavor for Rowlett and there are still some unknowns, the committee still suggests monitoring Rowlett's progress this school year before possibly moving forward.

Nutrition and Wellness: Mrs. Eckstrom brought up the new Nutrition and Wellness policy. There is some question as to how we will have 30 consecutive minutes of PE each day. Mrs. Hossenlopp mentioned that some schools have done away with recess in order to comply. This is something administration is continuing to work on.

Next SAC Meeting will be September 22nd at 6 pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jillanne Conelius, seconded by Lisa-Marie Albano. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristan Schwab, Chair