**Allies SAC (School Accountability Committee)**

**Minutes for 11/30/2017**

In Attendance:

* Director (or designee) – Rebecca Thompson
* Chairperson (parent) – Jenny Betzmer
* Teacher Representative & DAAC Representative – Lyndell Copeland
* Secretary & Community Representative – Pat Claman
* Parent & PTA Representative – Corina Martin
* Zone Leader – Dr. Mike Pickering

Introductions

Old Business:

* Bylaws posted
* Agenda didn’t post, but we will continue to work on this
* Minutes from 9/26/17 posted
* Thank you to those that have stepped up to be on the SAC board
* Reviewd roles

New Business:

* SAC Chair to sign DAAC representative paperwork
* UIP – Unified Improvement Plan (draft provided to read before next meeting)
  + Unique year since Allies is a new school
  + Dr Pickering talked about why schools do a UIP
  + Major Improvement Strategies
    - #1 Create a unique and positive culture
      * Learning new UIP system
      * Colors Test for staff
      * 1st PTA and SAC established – goal to maintain
      * PBS (Positive Behavior System) unique to Allies
      * Student growth for strength in non-academics
      * Positive Staff reinforcements
      * The Loop (weekly at a glance memo)
      * Elementary Environment positive even in modular buildings
      * Alternative forms of communication (with parents and Dyslexia info)
      * Staff shared decision making
      * Capturing Kids Hearts – basic foundation
    - #2 Ensure Quality instruction and use of appropriate accommodations
      * PLC different because of set u
      * Rebecca works with each group
      * January will change to more data
      * See through the score from testing
      * Learners – goal setting
      * No Secrets philosophy (students and staff)
      * 504’s to both teachers and therapists
      * Book Study by staff (“Overcoming Dyslexia: The Power of Knowing”)
    - #3 Use of effective interventions for Dyslexia and its co-morbidities
      * Collaborate with PT, OT, etc
      * Train new therapists within District 49
      * Take flight (5 days/50 minutes) not interrupted
      * Direct Lead (Teresa Hinote) to observe new therapists
      * Observe twice a month to ensure quality therapy and positive relationships
* Support Staff
  + More money – teachers/paras
  + Grant writing
  + Big Check fundraisers
  + Potential to “sell the Allies idea”
* Budget
  + Draft discussed
  + Rebecca to meet with CFO 12/1/17
  + Largest piece of budget is staff
* Testing – subject was tabled
* Next meeting potential topics
  + Budget
  + Dr Pickering progress on staff support
  + Testing – Opt Out – 504’s

Future Dates & times (from 5-6)

* Tuesday, February 15, 2018
* Tuesday, May 3, 2018