**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