

Meridian Ranch Elementary School
School Accountability Committee
October 25, 2017
5:30-6:30 p.m.

- I. Welcome**
 - a. Introductions**
 - i. Kris Levi, Elba Rushing, Shelly Welch, Steve Pahl, Sheehan Freeman-Todd, John Webb, Ryan Lampbert
- II. Prior Meeting**
 - a. Approval of Agenda**
 - i. Approved
 - b. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Approved
- III. Principal Updates**
 - a. School Performance Framework and Unified Improvement Plan**
 - i. MRES is a “Performance” school. When we look at the model for the State of Colorado, the state looks at Growth (60%) and Achievement (40%). Currently, we are a high-achieving school that is looking to improve our student growth. Our goals for our Unified Improvement Plan are Growth in Literacy, Growth in Math, and Achievement in Math. We would like to start to begin accommodations for math.
 - b. Budget Update**
 - i. Current budget**
 - 1. MRES just received our student count, which is 100 students over the expected projection. We have 768 kids in our school. We are an overflow school, which means that new families are enrolled at Woodmen Hills. As openings occur, families are offered slots if they would like to come to us as their home school.
 - 2. There will be a budget update that Mrs. Freeman-Todd will receive next month.
 - 3. Math is an area of concern across the elementary spectrum, and math may emerge as an area of focus for budget priorities.
 - ii. Recommendations to DAAC due in January**
 - 1. This committee has the responsibility of forwarding budget recommendations to the District Accountability and Advisory Committee. While these recommendations have aligned with Administrator recommendations in the past, this does not have to be the case.

2. Community input into budget and curriculum recommendations will be taken at January's meetings.

IV. DAAC Update

a. October 24th Meeting

- i. The DAAC and the Board of Education desires to take feedback regarding school-community budget priorities. The DAAC would like to have school budget priorities by the January.
 1. At our next SAC meeting, our group will be soliciting feedback from parents and community members.
 2. Please plan on attending and invite others to share their insights and voice.
- ii. Transportation shared changes in fee structures and a presentation about bus safety and how other vehicles should follow Colorado traffic laws.
- iii. The District has a Wellness Committee that provides activities and benefits for the overall well-being of district employees and students.

V. Topics for discussion

a. Construction Updates and Design Input

- i. There is new carpet in hallways, new paint, and new carpet in 10 classrooms. There will be new classroom carpets in the other hallway that are replaced over Spring Break, and the core of the building will be done over the Summer.
- ii. Bathrooms are 14 years old, and there will be linoleum updates. We are going to be using a fleck floor. We will also be putting in phenolic partitions as a replacement for the metal partitions. The committee had feedback on color choices.
- iii. Secure entry will be done over the summer and ready for use at the beginning of next school year. Each hallway will have an additional security door that prevents access to classrooms.
- iv. **School Signage and Crosswalk Possibility– Londonderry flashing sign and painted crosswalk (City vs. County & El Paso County Planning)**
 1. We want school signage on Londonderry. Parents and teachers have the right to call El Paso Country Planning to request signage.
 2. A crosswalk on Londonderry is also being sought. A signaled crosswalk would be ideal for students.
 3. Parents can also seek out the Design Review and the Metro District to continue to advocate for projected needs.

b. Parent Survey

- i. The school is looking into survey resources and valid questions to put forth to the school community to gather input. This input could prove to be quite insightful.
- ii. Hopefully, resources will be brought forward at January's meeting.

VI. Other concerns

- a.** No parking on Rainbow Bridge during school hours.
 - i.** Enforcement and police presence would be great. There is no longer a traffic division for El Paso County, which limits enforcement possibilities.
- b.** Continuing to communicate school committees and organizations - Limiting jargon.
 - i.** Acronyms is a language that strengthens a feeling for insiders, so explaining things, committees, and purposes would be useful for outsiders.
 - 1.** There is already some planning for next school year to have a stronger foundation and communication up front and early.
- c.** Morning Buses
 - i.** There is a transfer bus that takes students to Woodmen Hills. The school will look into the necessity of having both buses turning during morning traffic.

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2018 from 5:30-6:30.