

Odyssey SAC Meeting 1-10-18

Attendees: Mike Pickering, Sarah McAfee, Mike Weider, Pat Claman, Ryan Sherman, Jenny Betzmer, Kim Brown, Amy Willis, Marisa Talbot, Rosemary Ferrarini, Daniel Weatherstone, Ken Long, Corina Martin, Danielle & Jessica Abeyta.

Welcome: Pat Claman

Celebrate OES Students: Little Leaders – Danielle & Jessica

Jessica talked about the acronym they created for the Little “Leader” group: Loyal, Excellent, Accepting, Dependable, Efficient and Respectful

Danielle talked about the Community Library that they plan to put outside the school during the summer to allow people to take/bring books to share since they won’t be able to come into the library. It is planned to be complete by 3/1/18. They are also adding a Buddy Bench near the library.

35 families benefited from the Gift Giving Tree.

Little Leaders Update: (Amy Willis)

Awarded a \$200 grant for Little Leaders. Going to purchase the kid’s t-shirts with that money. Learning leadership as well as doing a lot of service projects.

Bingo for Books partnership, is coming up.

Asked to become part of a teacher recognition, to celebrate the teachers. Next meeting the kids will brainstorm ways to celebrate teachers.

First school to have a Little Library with hopes to become a hub for the community. Grand Opening and will be requesting book donations.

4th Grade is going to Young AmeriTowne. Amy researching ways to fund because it’s expensive. GE is going to fund \$15/student, so parents will only be responsible for \$10 of the \$25 entrance fee.

Staff Report (Marisa Talbot)

Schoolwide program: “Leader in Me”. Teaching 21st Century leadership and life skills. Emphasizing new habits: (1) Being Proactive, (2) Start with the End in mind (3) Put first things first

Ex. Work first and Play later. I can do my chores and I can do my homework. Relate it back to the classroom.

Pat Claman suggested including in year-end survey to see if parents are hearing the phrases from their children.

District Accountability Committee (Ryan Sherman):

Ryan didn't make the last meeting.

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 is the next meeting.

Budget priorities for General Budget:

Decisions are made on salaries at the DACC level. But the SAC is ultimately responsible for the decision on how money is spent in the school.

Sarah McAfee suggested adding another meeting to analyze this year's budget and make decisions for next year's budget. Pat Claman suggested a meeting next Wednesday 17, 2018. Sarah McAfee will send report out end of the day Monday 15, 2018 for review prior to meeting, since not everyone from SAC will be able to attend.

CIA Update:

Sarah McAfee shared the letter that went out to OES families regarding the misuse of PTO funds. Next meeting, we will discuss how to move the accounts forward and partner with the CIA group to be sure to have accountability and brainstorm future methods needed to be sure this does not happen again. The case is currently being investigated.

Ryan Sherman asked about partnering with El Paso County PTA leaders (Sandy).

Pat Claman suggested getting with Tammy Alesch to develop a blast to engage the community

Create separate email group to communicate to community members. Next meeting will be how to proceed forward. Corina Martin will work with Tammy Alesch to develop.

Tomorrow's meeting is cancelled. Sarah McAfee will host a CIA information meeting for questions. Communicating regarding that will go out later today.

Chair Report (Pat Claman):

Survey will be sent out to parents to gauge input from all parents at OES. Want an extension of the questions that were asked at the beginning of the year. Martha has the questions from Parent/Teacher Conferences. Paper survey will be handed out at the parent-teacher conference. More for teachers, but also have people at the doors handling out and collecting.

February conferences will be held for all students. That will be new this year, so we will need to be pushing communications around that.

Use Leader in Me & Climate Questions (PEAK); Warm & Welcoming environment, do you feel safe, etc. Look at the rubric to get some questions. Draft for next meeting to review.

Principal Report (Mike Wedor):

CMAS Plans (Grades 3-5) – Testing window 4/9-4/27, 3-week window. Plan to text last 2 weeks of that window. Using last year's schedule as a framework to accommodate this year's schedule.

Don't anticipate much difference transition from PARCC to CMAS.

No Social Studies scheduled for testing at OES.

Everything is done on-line. Testing is done prior to determine that there is enough access/functionality for all laptops/computers to be used.

Building Update (Ken Long)

ALLIES is on schedule. Finish top (roof) this week. Then inside plumbing, sewer, etc., then concrete slab. After that it will be all contained and then all the work will be done inside.

Pat Claman asked about HVAC and if that building has its own HVAC system. Which is believe it does. They also asked about insulation.

Date for move June 1, 2018 and want the modular moved as soon as possible.

February deadline for colors on inside walls. Asked an outside person assist with interior design.

Daniel Weatherstone volunteered to help assist with design, as he has prior experience. Pat Claman also wants to be involved with decisions.

Sarah McAfee called security because some of the doors are not locking as quickly during lock down drills. Office doors are locked from the outside but not going out. Working with facilities to address pitfalls with current building.

Conference Schedule – confirmed that it will be for all kids

Enrollment – 2018-19, Mike Wedor and Sarah McAfee are in the planning process to compare current numbers versus next years numbers and with the new building how many classrooms can be added. Doing trend analysis to determine numbers in addition to determining where people will be in the building. As a result, which classrooms will have space to allow choice. Ex. Do they add a 4th grade with anticipation of that group growing.

Jenny Betzmer asked what the max would be. Will need to evaluate with the new space available. Current number has been around 456 students. Determine how many kids they will refer to ALLIES. Process has started and we will continue

ALLIES – around 140-150, marketing earlier.

Challenging to determine how many kids will choice in to OES.

Expansion, premature – Would Sand Creek add a LEX program. An interventionist, then add at Remington then as they build they add something.

Zone Leader Report:

Mike Pickering complimented this group on functionality and thoughtful questions and collaboration.

Problem solving and critical thinking – working on this very intently at the Zone. Shifting mindset to allow students to know what it even means to have that mindset. Teachers to get students there, students to think that way.

“Vista Del Pico” – new elementary school. Performing and Visual Arts school. Had a design committee to determine space. Looking for a committee to do planning to determine what needs to be happening in that space. Are mirroring some of the Falcon Zone’s programing. Hoping to have the process done right after Spring Break.

Elementary School is currently in Falcon zone. Frontier and North Tree communities. Power Zone will be taking that space over. Falcon zone will be more East for boundaries.

Amy Willis suggested working with the community outreach. Due to Banning Lewis Ranch (Charter School) always having been present, the community may not be aware of the fact that there is not a public school to adequately service that area.

Pat Claman mentioned with naming the communication should include some history to help people understand the reason for naming the school.

Upcoming SAC Meetings:

- Wednesday, Jan. 17th (Budget Discussion)
- Wednesday, Feb. 14th
- Wednesday, March 14th
- Wednesday, April 11th
- Wednesday, May 9th (if needed)

Next Meeting – January 17th, 2018 (budget discussion), then February 14, 2018 to follow