School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 29, 2016

Meeting Attendance

Present: Sean Gorman, Jill Barela, Pam Sieg, Becca Kates, Ann Longacre, Markus Konle, Gavin Kaszynski

Absent: Deb Norwood, Corey Pie’

Enrollment Projections

Sean shared the preliminary enrollment projections that he received from the district. A copy of that report is attached to this email. The total number of students projected is typically pretty accurate, but the grade-level projected numbers are usually not accurate. With 511 students projected for Kruse for the 2016-2017 school year, this calculates to about $37,000 less in funding, if the projected numbers are accurate.

Budget Survey

We had a discussion and it was stated that we need a strong introduction to the parent survey. We also need to be thoughtful about how we present our questions on the survey. It was suggested that we only include two questions on the survey. We don’t want to send the message that we have a lot of flexibility with class size. It was suggested that we narrow our perimeters of what we present to parents letting them know that at this point, we plan to keep 4 teachers in each grade level and we will keep specials teachers and our counselor. We talked about including a question about para support on the survey. It was asked if we have to send out a parent survey. Sean answered that we don’t have to, but it is a good way to get parent’s perspective. It was suggested that we send out the survey sooner, rather than later. Sean will put together a rough draft of a survey and send out to our SAC for review. We will also send a budget survey out to the Kruse staff.

Other Topics

We talked about changing the lunch schedules so that students are going to outside recess before they eat. Sean has received feedback on this topic from other Administrators. They have told him this schedule does not work well at their schools. Jill brought up the concern of students taking a long time to eat their lunch and being late returning to their classrooms.

Gavin brought up the topic of Eco-Week and the desire from some parents to bring back the traditional Eco-Week where students spend two nights up at Pingree Park. Sean said the 5th-grade team will provide an information night so parents can understand why the change was made.

Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 21, 2016.