

Family Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Administration Building, 500 Main Street
October 2, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Members present:

Jennifer Thompson, Northstar	Dana Lieble, North
Rob Geske, Northwoods	Heather Market-Sullivan, Northwoods
Shannyn Pinkert, Sherman	Barb Kainz, Northstar
Megan Holmen, Roosevelt	Caro Johnson, South
Carl Bacon, Meadowview	Brook Berg, Locust Lane
Brittany Hattrem, CV Montessori	Michael Tvaruzka, Putnam Heights
Alison Harder, Flynn	Janice Moe, South
Shana Schmidt, Roosevelt	Bev Karnitz, DeLong
Peppermint Granberg, Memorial	Leslie Gorman, Sam Davey

1. Welcome

Dr. Hardebeck welcomed everyone and reported that the school year launch went smoothly, and that she looks forward to a great year.

2. Elect FAC Officers

New officers were nominated and voted for unanimously by the council.

President: Shannon Pinkert

Vice President: Carl Bacon

Secretary: Caro Johnson

3. Good News Sharing

- South: Parents and Tech Forum. 10/08/18 6-9 pm at South. 45 min presentation of safe tech video and then opportunity to visit one of five breakouts dealing with kids/parents and technology.
- MHS: Chippewa Valley Book Festival "Meet the Authors" event to be held at MHS on 10/17/18 at 6 pm.
- Meadowview: Hosting "Meadowview Mile" a school fundraiser for a new modular Gaga Ball Pit.
- Montessorri: The whole school is participating in creating a beautiful Outdoor Environment. To that effort students will be planting 2700 plants in the next few weeks. They will also be hosting their fundraiser "Footslog" on October 13th, which is a race through the woods.
- Roosevelt: Parents are concerned about the decisions being made at a district level about the future of their students. They are creating a group to advocate their thoughts to the district so that there can be a true, meaningful discussion before impacting decisions are made.

- Locust Lane: Hosting their “Walk-a-thon” which is their biggest fundraiser. Their “Welcome Back” picnic had a great turn out of 67% attendance.
- Northstar: Celebrating 25 years open and are continuing their efforts in “Beautifying the School.” They will be improving their running track, installing new Frisbee golf signs, and making other improvements to their environment.

4. Role of FAC

Jim Schmitt asked the council to help the district review and strategize on how to get better family engagement in our schools. The council sat around 3 tables and read a newly-revised policy about the importance of family engagement in our students’ lives. Each group shared their thoughts on how the policy was written, and how they interpreted the meaning of the policy. Next meeting will be talking about strategies.

5. Title I Program

- “Title” of “Title I” refers to “entitlement”. This is provided to ensure all students have fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.
- 40% of students in the ECASD are considered to be living in poverty.
- ESSA = Every Student Succeeds Act
- There is a difference between “School Wide” and “?”. The administration has already completed the Needs Assessment for each school, and now they need to create a comprehensive plan, and then review it.

6. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hardebeck explained that there are concerns arising about kiddos attending after-school functions without an adult present. She explained that there are three types of groups that come to after-school activities. 1. Kiddos come with adult and stay with adult. 2. Kiddos come with adult, and then do their own thing, and then leave with adult. 3. Kiddos attend the activity without an adult.

It is this third group that is causing concerns because the staff members who are overseeing the activity are not able to supervise their activity and watch what unknown students are doing in the other part of the school or Carson Park. So, to ensure that we are being courteous to those who donate time and energy to creating an after-school experience that enriches our kiddos, the district would like to clarify how our kiddos can attend other after-school functions in the district.