

Family Advisory Council Minutes

December 3, 2018

Present:

Erica Christensen, Sam Davey

Caro Johnson, South

Shannyn Pinkert, Sherman

Leslie Gorman, Sam Davey

Jennifer Thompson, Northstar

Shana Schmidt, Roosevelt

Tom Giffey, Putnam Heights

Lucie McGee, DeLong

Heather Market-Sullivan, Northwoods

Gail Hanson Brenner, Memorial

Darren Hollenbeck, Manz

Michael Tvaruzka, Putnam Heights

Jenna Murphy, Memorial

Janice Nouth, South

Audrey Andrews, Flynn

Julia Johnson, Sherman

Also present: Mary Ann Hardebeck, Superintendent; Jim Schmitt, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning

Hello! Happy New Year!

1. Welcome

- Chair Shannyn Pinkert called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- New representatives introduced themselves.
- Carl Bacon (our VP) is dealing with some health issues and was unable to attend.

2. Good News Sharing

- DeLong: An Art Student from DeLong Middle School created a Christmas Ornament that was chosen to be on the "National Tree" and was featured on the National Christmas Tree Lighting.
- South: 8th graders took their annual trip to the Guthrie Theater to watch A Christmas Carol.

3. Review of the 2019-20 School Calendar

- Jim Schmitt reported that last year's FAC participation in the review of last year's school calendar helped the team immensely, so he asked the group to review the 2019-20 calendar.
- There must be 6 days for planning. Last year we asked for consolidation for an extended break, so a Professional Development/Instruction Planning (PD/IP) day was moved to make one of the weekend breaks longer.
- The next PD/IP date makes it so that the end of school lands on a Friday. Jim believes it can be changed if needed.
- Spring Break is usually aligned with UWEC's- mostly for before/after child care which is supplemented by UWEC.
- One item that was called out was the difficulties of having children in different grades when schools are open or closed on different days by grade level.
- Overall the consensus was very positive. The group agreed and said the calendar reflected more grouped days off instead of single days off, which is better for the District.

4. Update on the 2017-18 State School and District Report Cards

- All report cards can be found at the Department of Public Instruction website. Search for Wisconsin DPI Report Card, and then from a drop-down menu choose "detailed" or "slim" versions of the school you are looking for. <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home> This information can be downloaded onto spreadsheets for comparisons.
- The District is Meeting Expectations in general and Exceeds Expectations in Post-Secondary Readiness.
- The District Team is working hard to dig in on how to move us from good to great on all metrics.

5. Superintendent's Report

- The District won a PR award for our Summer School Booklet. Yay!
- English as a Second Language: The group has proposed a Spanish Immersion Program focused on Longfellow. They identified that transportation will be a factor.
- They first need to get Longfellow identified as a site, and then they will create a pilot program to beta test the system. Then it will be rolled out to the District.
- There are several temporary Board Committees meeting currently, and they will report their findings to the School Board. Three of these groups are "Athletics and Facility Use," "HS Senior All Night Party," and "Revenue."
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) report cards will be coming out soon. This act deals with the costs of educating each student.