

**Family Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2023**  
**Administration Building – Room 123C**

**Representatives present (X):**

<b>Sam Davey:</b> (X) Erica Christiansen OPEN	<b>Flynn:</b> (X) Barb Nichols OPEN	<b>Lakeshore:</b> (X) Brooke Hartman (X) Amanda Roy	<b>Locust Lane:</b> Kari Zarecki OPEN	<b>Longfellow:</b> (X) Katie Sideri (X) Alison Rogers	<b>Manz:</b> Andrew Adams (X) Katie Burroughs
<b>Meadowview:</b> Sandy Blomquist (X) Samantha Forehand	<b>Northwoods:</b> (X) Leslie Gorman Nicole Prock	<b>Putnam Heights:</b> (X) Jamie Kampf (X) Rebecca Riek	<b>Robbins:</b> Becca Rouse OPEN	<b>Roosevelt:</b> Shana Schmidt Lyndsay Simmons	<b>Sherman:</b> (X) Al Christian (X) Julia Johnson
<b>DeLong:</b> Shannyn Pinkert (X) Scott Zielski Holli Jacobson	<b>Northstar:</b> (X) Brook Berg (X) Jessica Schinke Kari Zarecki	<b>South:</b> Audrey Andrews Linda Carlson OPEN	<b>Memorial:</b> Julie Dokkestul (X) Maggie Vinopal (X) Lucinda Kemmet OPEN	<b>North:</b> Nicole Everson Rob Geske Shannyn Pinkert (X) Joy Weisner	<b>ECVS:</b> (X) Jennifer Robbins Catalina Rodriguez
<b>McKinley Charter:</b> (X) Susan Kishel OPEN	<b>Montessori Charter:</b> (X) Anna Foiles (X) Juergen Schaupp	<b>Special Education PTO:</b> (X) Nicole Brynelsen (X) Susan Kishel	<b>Hmong PTA:</b> Caitlin Lee OPEN	<b>District Administrator:</b> Michael Johnson (X) Michelle Golden	<b>Teacher Rep:</b> Mark Goings

Guests present: Heather Grant and Brian Marks  
 School Board Commissioners present: NONE

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

- I. Accelerated Learning
    - a. Heather Grant is the elementary level director of Gifted and Talented
      - i. New split into 2 roles (Elementary and MS/HS)
    - b. Discussed the ways students are identified as potential G/T
      - i. Process between identification and execution
      - ii. 5th and 6th grade math is offered at middle schools
    - c. Parent concerns
      - i. The disconnect between G/T math at elementary and middle
        1. Not a lot of info sharing, confusion about school roles at both ends
        2. Lack of community/connection for parents in the program
        3. Unclear expectations about the content covered in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
      - ii. No accelerated ELA
      - iii. Odyssey of the Mind
        1. Parents miss the opportunity
          - a. Understanding that out of 10 WI teams, 3 were from EC
        2. After school groups are allowed with a faculty advisor
- II. FAC Purpose Discussion
  - a. Frustration that the group is not being utilized as it was pre-covid
    - i. Used to be a forum to learn/help before content went to the School Board
    - ii. Given the opportunity to weigh in on decisions before they were made
      1. Currently we are given presentations with little opportunity to impact
      2. School Board is now a coherent governance model
        - a. FAC is no longer required as part of that model
    - iii. Key Communicators Group
      1. Purpose stated mirrors posted FAC description
      2. Community members and possible school representatives



3. Members are chosen/invited where FAC is volunteer
  - a. Lots of big feelings around this
- iv. Looking for guidance and information

- III. I Love You Guys (w/ Brian Marks)
  - a. Overview of Rapid Response protocol improvements/progress
  - b. Discussed a potential reunification drill in the spring with parents
    - i. Interested participants can contact Brian Marks

Meeting ended at approximately 8:58pm

Respectfully submitted: Katie Sideri, FAC Chairwoman

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