



Monument Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee – East Campus (SAAC)

Date: October 12, 2021

Location: MAEC Board Room

Members

Julie Seymour	Middle School Principal
Misty McCuen	MA School Board Liaison
Cathy Edwards	Middle School Teacher Representative
Emily Davis	Chair (parent)
Char Sellers	Vice-chair (parent)
Jacob Harres	SAAC Secretary (parent)
Tinna Warthan	PTO Member (parent)
Kara Rosenstrauch	Community Member

- I. **Introductions and Attendance**
 - a. Emily called meeting to order at 2:03 pm
 - b. Attendance: Julie Seymour, Misty McCuen, Cathy Edwards, Emily Davis, Jacob Harres, Tinna Warthan, Char Sellers and Kara Rosenstrauch.
- II. **Previous meeting minutes**
 - a. Review and Approve meeting minutes from September - Jacob moved, and all approved.
- III. **Business**
 - a. Board updates - Misty
 - i. School spotlight
 1. Community can nominate a person to be featured.
 - ii. New Principle at West campus
 - iii. Parking lot issues at West Campus
 1. Mr. Holmes is putting out surveys to 5th grade families to see what families want and need.
 2. Subcommittee formed for west campus to address parking lot issues.
 - iv. Annual budget review during November board meeting.
 - v. PTO report
 1. Several great events planned
 2. Focus on building community, especially in light of covid last year.

- 3. Trunk or Treat at west campus for Halloween.
- vi. Emily: Board meeting recap email is good, please continue sending these out.
- b. DAAC - Emily
 - i. Official membership list needs to be in the meeting minutes. Emily created a list of official membership, all agreed on list.
 - 1. Principal: Julie Seymour
 - 2. Teacher: Cathy Edwards
 - 3. Three parents of MA East students: Jacob Harres, Char Sellers, Emily Davis
 - 4. One PTO member: Tinna Warthan
 - 5. One community member: Kara Rosenstrauch
 - ii. SAAC meetings are open to public
 - 1. Question: how does this work? Julie: public can come as observers, but not as participants.
 - 2. Possibly look at inviting public folks in the future.
 - iii. UIP to change from Spring to Fall (Oct). As such, we won't need to do one this year.
 - 1. Surveys – Need to be finalized by Nov, in order to go out at beginning of December.
 - a. Homework for SAAC members – review last years surveys. Be ready to discuss in November SAAC meeting.
 - b. Past surveys can be found on MA site.
 - 2. Budgeting recommendations – though listed on SAAC duties, generally doesn't require specific budgeting input unless needed.
 - a. Communication is open and is performed on an as needed basis.
 - 3. D38 Strategic plan, goals and priorities – SAAC is expected to go over each of the 5 priority points.
 - a. Strategic goal #1
 - b. Physical Security
 - i. Discussed, but information will not be made public due to security concerns.
 - c. Health and Wellness –
 - i. MA employs both a social worker and counselor.
 - ii. SOS program (Sources of Strength),
 - 1. Peer led and trained support.
 - 2. Kids are trained to point other kids in the right direction to get help.
 - 3. Group of trained peer students meet 2x per month.
 - 4. SoS wheels are placed on lockers to identify peers who can help.
 - 5. Posters have been put up.
 - 6. Training began at the end of last year and roll-out has been going

(successfully) since the beginning of this year.

- iii. Safe to tell app on student ipads
 - 1. Safe to tell is an anonymous process to reach out for help.
- iv. Choice clubs during 8th period
 - 1. Helps to build interest-based connections between students
- v. 8 keys of excellence
 - 1. character focused program
- 4. Review item 2 and be ready to give suggestions at November SAAC meeting.

c. SAAC Meeting Schedule

- i. Bylaws state that SAAC can only meet 8 times per school year.
- ii. December to be skipped (Cathy moved, Jacob seconded, all agreed).
- iii. Meetings schedule for 2021-2022 is as follows;
 - 1. Sept 22nd, 2021
 - 2. Oct 12th, 2021
 - 3. Nov 10th, 2021
 - 4. Jan 12th, 2022 (tentative, Date TBD at Nov SAAC Meeting)
 - 5. Feb 9th, 2022
 - 6. March 9th, 2022
 - 7. April 13th, 2022
 - 8. May 11th, 2022

IV. Open Discussion

- a. Reading time
 - i. Several books have been brought over from west campus.
 - ii. More can be available if needed, as books are retired.
- b. Music class that doesn't require performance (i.e., music appreciation)
 - i. Staffing issues have prevented this.
 - ii. Tinna to investigate what other schools are doing.
- c. Survey questions
 - i. Char suggested that we should include a question about what parents think about the amount of homework assigned.
- d. Student idea boxes
 - i. Does MA have idea boxes for students? Not currently.
 - ii. Suggestion to do targeted suggestion boxes (i.e., suggestion box for student input on electives, etc..).

V. Emily moved to close meeting, Jacob seconded, meeting adjourned at 3pm.