



Monument Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

West Campus Conference Room 1:20-2:40p.m.

Kurt Walker
Laura Barrette
Jamie Harding
Christy Musser
Jilinda Dygert
Megghan St. Aubyn
Britany Blair
Kimberly Kays
Unfilled

MA Elementary 3-5 Assistant Principal
MA Elementary K-2 Assistant Principal
SAAC Chair
SAAC Vice Chair
SAAC Secretary
MA Board Liaison
Teacher Representative
PTO President
Member at Large

I. Introduction and Attendance

- a. Jamie called the meeting to order at 1:24pm.
- b. Members present in-person: Kurt Walker, Jamie Harding, Jilinda Dygert, Megghan St. Aubyn, Kim Kays, & Britany Blair.
- c. Members absent: Laura Barrette, Christy Musser & unfilled member-at-large.

II. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes from 01-11-22 & 02-01-22

- a. Jamie motioned to approve the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes.
- b. Meghan seconded the motion.
- c. All approve. Motion was carried.
- d. Kim motioned to approve the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes.
- e. Britany seconded the motion.
- f. All approve. Motion was carried.

III. Review & Approve Meeting Agenda

- a. Britany motioned to approve the March 1, 2022 meeting agenda.
- b. Kim seconded the motion.
- c. All approved. Motion was carried.

IV. Business

- a. **Teacher Report – given by Britany:**
 - i. CMAS testing will be starting soon.

1. The opt-out form went out to families today in an email and will be sent one more time prior to Spring Break.
 - a. The kids whose parents have opted them out of CMAS testing will still come to school, and will do enrichment or school-related activities. This will not by any means be a “fun day”, but we’ll keep the kids engaged through things related to what they will be studying in school at that time.
 - b. Last year we had about 65% of our students participate. The year prior to that we had about 30%. We are hoping for an 80% participation rate this year.
 - ii. NWEA testing will start during the first week of May.
 - iii. Some teachers will try to do practice tests with their students just to familiarize them with the how-to of the test taking.
- b. Board Report – given by Megghan St. Aubyn**
- i. Regarding the Highway 105 expansion project and all it entails;
 1. We are almost finished with permit proposals and will then be waiting for them to be approved and finalized. Turnaround on that takes about 8-10 weeks.
 - a. We could face a slight time crunch if this takes longer, but we are looking at starting construction in July.
 - b. There cannot be a school zone speed limit placed on the Highway due to the address of the school.
 - c. The roadway entrance and exit for the school starting with the 22-23 school year will be at the Village Ridge Point & Knollwood intersection by Integrity Bank.
 - i. There will be a roundabout at that intersection.
 - ii. Traffic will drive around the school once all new roads are constructed, and drop off and release locations will be determined as construction is finished.
 - ii. Board elections:
 1. One person has put their name in the hat for the 3 positions.
 - a. We hope to see more in the next month or so.
 2. We will not have an election if not enough candidates participate.
 - a. While the board can function with 5 members, 7 would be ideal.
- c. DAAC Report – given by Jamie Harding**
- i. March’s DAAC meeting was held at Prairie Winds Elementary.
 1. This school is a smaller school with 2 classes per grade.
 2. It has a unique dual diagnosis class for students who meet the criteria. This dual diagnosis class is unique to Prairie Winds because it serves those students from the entire district. It is a self-contained class.

- a. The goal of this class is to help students develop enough to be able to enroll in a standard classroom setting.
 - b. It is a model that would be hard for each school to have because of the limited number of students needing this type of classroom setting.
 - c. MA would fill the need if it were deemed necessary for our school to have.
- ii. Prairie Winds has some PTO titles that might be worth looking into creating at Ma:
 - 1. Gratitude Committee & Social Committee.
 - a. MA does have chairs that oversee what these committees do for Prairie Winds, they are just organized slightly different here. It might be worth looking into though for comparison and to make sure everyone is getting appreciated at appropriate times during the school year.
- iii. KITTY FIN... spoke on the financial transparency of the District. They plan to put \$4,000-5,000 into a program that will send out the District's budget and allow community members to "work around" in it to see just how the District spends its money.
 - 1. The idea is to help the community at large see that the District is being financially responsible, that we do have a need for more schools/District growth, and perhaps this will prepare the community to understand these needs by the next election cycle when the new MLO proposal will be on the ballot.
- iv. ESSR2 Funds have been approved. ESSR3 funds have not been approved yet.
- v. The District did receive a grant of \$530,000 which will be spent on Chromebooks for middle and high school students.
- vi. The next DAAC meeting will be on 04-12-22 at Palmer Ridge. The tour starts at 6:00pm and the meeting will follow at 7pm.

d. PTO Report - given by Kim Kays:

- i. PTO is always looking for new members.
 - 1. Currently we have 4 board members and 12 chairs.
 - a. If anyone is interested in joining PTO, please contact any of the current PTO members. Or the Ladies in the school offices can put you in communication with one of them.
- ii. We had to cancel S.T.E.A.M. night due to a lack of volunteers. But, we will keep it on the agenda for next year, and hope for more able bodies to step up and help with that then.
- iii. Teacher appreciation went well, and the teachers did feel appreciated. Thank you to all who helped make that a success!

1. We did recognize that the ESS department may have been slightly left out, and so we will be paying attention to that specifically for the next appreciation event.
2. These appreciation events build up the staff morale, and help them to feel the parents' support in their efforts to teach all of the students. Again, thank you for helping us make these events so spectacular!
- iv. We are looking at doing a small end-of-the-year party for the teachers with a chili cook off of sorts.

e. End-of-Year Parent Survey:

- i. It is worth noting that parents have recognized and are pleased that almost all the concerns from the mid-year survey have been addressed.
- ii. Question suggestions:
 1. How satisfied are you with your child(ren)'s academic growth this year?
 2. How satisfied are you with opportunities to develop your whole child at MA?
 3. In terms of developing your whole child at MA, in what areas do you feel MA succeeded the most in?
 - a. Mental health
 - b. Physical health
 - c. Social ability
 - d. Emotional status
 - e. Friendships among peers
 - f. Etc.
 4. Did the school admin provide effective means of communication?
 5. Did the teachers provide effective means of communication?
 6. Do you feel MA communicated school events/news to you well?
 7. Did the school provide opportunities for your voice to be heard?
 8. Did the school provide ample opportunities for you to fulfill your volunteer commitment?
 9. How would your child(ren) rank Monument Academy's atmosphere and culture?
 10. How do you prefer to volunteer at Monument Academy?
 11. Did you feel like your family was able to connect with the Monument Academy community?
 12. Which do you feel is the most pressing issue for MA to address?
 - a. Add the following choices to the mid-year survey:
 - i. Finances
 - ii. Teacher/staff morale
 - iii. Sports
 - iv. None of the above

13. How likely are you to recommend our school to others?
- iii. Set timeline & incentives
 1. Finalize the questions at the April meeting.
 2. Send out the survey the last week in April.
 3. Results “due” by April 30th.
 4. We will evaluate the results at the May 3 meeting, and hold an extra meeting on May 10 to prepare our statement to the Board.
 5. Rewards will be given during the final week of school.
 - a. If we get 50% participation we will provide popsicles for all the students to be eaten during a recess.
 - b. If we get 75% participation classes will get an extra recess.
 6. We want to use PTO’s “giveback night” sign to remind families to participate and let them know how close we are to achieving the participation goals.

V. Other topics for discussion from parent feedback:

- a. None at this time.

VI. Meeting Adjournment:

- a. Jilinda motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Meghan seconded the motion.
- c. Jamie adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.
- d. Next meeting will be on April 5, 2022 at 1:40pm in the West Campus Conference Room.