



Parent Teacher Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2019

SPS Updates

Dr. Tamu Lucero, Deputy Superintendent: SPS Updates

- Budget:
 - o They are working on the budget – the question has been coming up because of the mold and how it affects our budget. They don't want the mold issues to affect our academics which is why Dr. Lucero is on the mold task force.
 - o Parents should come out and support our school budget – the pot of money is the same, so they are working with the city.
- Mold
 - o Send out email address of mold task force (and phone number) to parents at your schools if they have questions. Plus, there is a public meeting once a week. 23 sites are being dealt with. Addressing surface mold, windows, ducts system, Westover building why water is still coming up (they hired a company to help them figure out what is going on). Doing this in phases so if something hasn't been fixed it means they are still trying to find out where the water is coming from before they fix it.

Mike Fernandes, Assoc. Sup for Intervention and Student Support

- They are rolling out a new program for what para-educators are doing and providing professional development for them. Working on ways to help kids who haven't already been identified as needed interventional services. This is better for students to support them before they get to the stage where they need interventional services.

Enrichment

Olympia Della Flora, Associate Superintendent for School Development

- Enrichment is for all kids and it isn't just academic – mind, body, and heart. Athletics, health-related activities, social-emotional programming – this is different at different elementary schools – It is up to the different buildings to decide what they want to do.
- If you have questions and/or ideas about enrichment or skills you can share let your principals know
- There is a piece of enrichment that happens in the classroom with differentiation.
- Enrichment has been put in as part of the operating budget to help with funding clubs at AITE, which are generally dependent on Alliance Grants that may not be available until later in fall (or January as they were last year). This should solve a problem so the clubs can start at the beginning of the year.

Elementary, Middle and High School Curriculum

Brian White, Associate Superintendent for Teaching

- Some big initiatives this year – create curriculum audit – look at all of the curriculum in k-12 to make sure all of the schools are doing what they should be doing – study of the teaching and learning practices (observation of classroom practice, interviews of teachers, etc.) - this is a place to help figure out how to work with gifted children
- Instructional data team process – want to make sure every child is getting what s/he needs
- Middle school – adding a flex period would give opportunity to add enrichment and intervention dependent on the student’s needs – should start next year
- Teachers collaborating together as a team in our middle school helps with individual students’ needs
- “Project lead the way” for middle school – can build a pipeline to the high school with a STEM focus – problem-based learning, critical thinking, etc.
- High school schedule – implement block scheduling starting 2020-21 – increasing length of instructional blocks, add eight period would add more programs and course offerings
- Tier one instruction – good classroom practices – subject area experts make sure all students are receiving high quality instruction – long discussion about what to do with gifted and talented students
 - o Dr. Lucero: One elementary school is piloting a program called “creative problem solving” and it looks promising

SPEF Educator Award

Lynn Tusa

- Event on March 21 – due February 1. Make sure each school nominates an educator.
- Group discount for teachers if they go in together for the event

Parent Leadership Training Institute

Regan Allen

- Program that teaches parents to become advocates. Learn curriculum type things, get connected with community partners

Like Movie, February 6th at 7:00pm at Rippowam

Christine Meek

- PTC is sponsoring this new documentary about the impact of social media on our lives. For adults and children.

HFC

Christine Meek and Michelle Lesser

- Board of Ed tabled the petition for next year. Had questions and wanted to know if money was being used the way it was supposed to be used and replacing fundraisers
- They will discuss at the next Board of Education meeting so parents should come and speak at the meeting or email them before. Many of the board members were not on the board when this issue initially came up.

Fundraising Opportunities

Christine Meek and Michelle Lesser

- Marvel and Harlem Globetrotters Fundraising Opportunities

- All you have to do it get the word out to your schools
- Pdfs of flyers will be sent to email list

Movie Licenses

Michelle Lesser

- If you are showing movies you need to get a movie license!!! They will come back to the district if you don't. It only costs \$500 for the school year.

Email Sharon Beadle if there is anything that should be publicized. We want good news about our schools to be getting out there.

Next Meeting Date: March 14