

SAC Meeting Minutes 01/19/10

Present: Dr. Hormes, Jamie Perry, Lisa Chambless, Gabrielle Phillips,
Shemekia Terrell
Quorum is met

4:45pm in Ms. Perry's Classroom

Agenda:

I- Approval of previous minutes
A. Minutes/approved 6 votes

II- Old Business

A. Election of Officers

Chairperson: Lisa Chambliss

V.Chairperson: Jamie Perry

Secretary: Erica Jong

B. Process for addressing concerns

1. We will continue to process and develop the roles on council and establish standard way to bring up issues, keep all informed, create all-contact email for example, drop-box, letters from parent sent in with students.

2. Distribution of personal contact information was discouraged to deter conflict and issues with parent concerns and group awareness of all correspondences was encouraged by using shared contact info.

3. Possibly set aside time for preview meeting before public meetings, 15 minutes prior to allow members to read correspondences

C. Surveys- will follow-through and create results

D. MYP staff rep- no interest from current staff, identify Mr.Holcromb
Mr. Holcromb has been repositioned as MYP coordinator, position created for IB certification, admin has hired and is training his replacement teacher.

III- New Business

A. MYP concerns

1.. Money for Costa Rica trip fundraising, Jamie will follow-up with both Marcia Hall and Kacie Dardin, both teachers were involved in collecting funds that are currently unaccounted for.

2. MYP communications, MYP parent reps brought up concerns from parents regarding the teachers' investment to the school
3. Dr. Hormes: MYP teachers are not from Kennesaw, officers need to help eliminate misconceptions
4. Dr. Hormes met with MYP teachers and teachers stated parents are not discussing concerns with them:
 - i. SAC can help emphasize and clarify chain of commands and direct parents through the appropriate means to express concerns, taking concerns to the board may be misdirected energy
 - ii. Do teachers feel like they communicate well with families?
 - iii. Teachers have weekly lesson plans to prepare that are time consuming
 - iv. MYP newsletters are not as frequent as anticipated
 - v. Communicate with the Principal, as parents and as SAC members
 - vi. MYP doesn't appear consistent
 - vii. Meet with Principal to share details of their experience
 - viii. Wiki-spaces/blogs are not being updated
 - ix. Clear expectations, from staff and students take accountability of their work and requirements
 - x. Happy medium to schedule and host a 'workshop' to re-introduce communications, give Mr. Holcromb the time and ability of addressing these MYP issues.
 - xi. Suggest a time for parents and teachers to meet, Parent Night, time to meet and connect to staff, ask parents for suggestions

B. Group dynamics

1. Follow Protocol
2. Don't take lead to take action to bring others into the circle without the direction of the council
3. Let's not take things out of context and best to talk in person, factual and brief, be neutral & diplomatic
4. Don't bring someone in from outside the group

C. Role of SAC member

1. How to conduct ourselves appropriately so as to present ourselves subjectively, how to be apolitical
2. You can still advocate as a parent but be neutral in response to parents and to issues

Next Agenda: Tuesday Feb. 2 @ 4:30pm
Finalizing & Confirming SAC Bylaws
Surveys- results and action

Adjourned @ 6:00pm