

Patch Elementary School

SAC Minutes

March 1, 2012

Call to Order 3:07

Attendance

Dr. Robert Allen, Principal

Joe Holder, School Liaison Officer

Mr. Ron Lathrop, Assistant Principal

Angel Jones, Parent Rep.

Mrs. Libby Phillips, SAC President

Michael Anderson, Parent Rep.

Jill Beckham, Teacher Rep.

Barbara Anderson, Election Chair

Melody Gershkoff, Teacher Rep.

Anna Ingalls, Student Council Chair

Adrienne Smith, Teacher Rep.

Edie Palladino, CSP

Robin Tessereau, Teacher Rep.

Denise Suhr, CSP

I. February Minutes corrected and approved.

II. Reports

A. School Principal, Dr. Allen

SY 2012-13 will have 3 new staff positions. One position will be a kindergarten. He suggested the other two positions be another Math/Reading Coach and a PE teacher to concentrate on Health. The Art Room will have to be used for a classroom position; art will travel. He understands that this is very disruptive for the traveling teachers and the classroom teachers. He has placed a request for stackable classrooms to be constructed outside the present multi-age building. Dr. Allen explained how the 42 excess positions in the district will be filled per Superintendent Frank Roehl. Teachers who are in closing schools can be placed within district first, then Europe then worldwide. This means teachers at PES who were hired recently (within the past two school years/local hires) may not have a position. We have approximately 10-11 positions in this category.

The Pre-QAR team was conducting an out brief to the staff at the time of the SAC meeting. Dr. Allen was pleased with the positive feedback.

B. Vice Principal, Mr. Lathrop

He discussed the present cleaning situation. Complaints are fewer. New Site Manager for the contract, Mr. James, agrees it is quality control. Teacher Representatives noted improvements in classrooms thus far, not so much in the restrooms.

Referred to Ms. Suhr and Ms. Palladino on the results of the Pre-QAR.

C. School Liaison Officer, Mr. Holder

Reported the next IAC Meeting will be at RB. April is the "Month of the Military Child". A program will be set up to include a guest speaker Michael Shoulders. This author will speak to the elementary schools, and his books for signing can be pre-ordered at the schools. The families attending the presentation at the community center will receive a copy of the book Three Questions. Look for information in the Citizen and at CYS.

Complex Wide School Registration will be April 24-26 at Panzer Exchange.

D. CSP, Edie Palladino and Denise Suhr

Eight individuals from the district consist of the continuous school improvement committee. For the recent pre-site visit, the suggestions were purposeful and meaningful, Ms. Suhr, CSI Chair, confirmed. SAC members suggested a parent forum to let parents know more about what will happen during the actual inspection. Planned parent forums will be held after the spring break. Another trial inspection will be on March 26th.

III. Old Business

A. Cleaning contract – above per Mr. Lathrop

B. SAC President, Libby Phillips spoke to PES student council, and arranged for a High School Student Council Representative to come in and speak about a potential joint recycling project being as both schools share the lunch room. Student council members were eager and inquisitive about this possibility. SAC members will assist the two councils in April for the recycling "Kick-Off."

Anna Ingalls, the Student Council Chairperson, added commentary on some ideas they had for this project. One idea is to replace the plastic silverware with regular metal utensils. Plan is to continue communication with Petra in the cafeteria.

IV. New Business

A. By Laws – Tabled until SAC members had a chance to actually review DoDI 13412.15

B. Parent concern presented over procedure of release for inclement weather. She wanted to know the policy. Dr. Allen stated this is a Garrison policy regarding unique situations but he

would investigate further. At this time, there is no specific policy written on the school website or with the school liaison office regarding this concern.

C. The actual number of vacancies needed to be filled for the 2012-2013 SAC Committee are 2 parents and 3 teachers. Present members felt it was important to elect SAC positions prior to the beginning of the next year, in addition to, the chairpersons and secretary. This is to help with a smooth transition into the next school year. Barbara Anderson, SAC Elections Chair would advertise positions in the school newsletter, and speak at the staff meeting.

D. President presented information regarding Bicycle Safety, and whether or not a program could be allowed for students. A parent put forth a suggestion for the school to support a bike safety program being that bicycle use is common in Germany among children and adults. Discussion regarding if this was a school responsibility (PES students are not allowed to ride bikes to school) or a community/MP program. Anna Ingalls provided background information on the German school system's bike safety program. She stated that PES had participated in this program a few years back. Our students could actually attend this program, but it is a week process. It was concluded that SAC would support the program, but not include the program in the daily school schedule. President will wait for further information about the dates and potential for this to be organized by the parent on a Saturday or after school.

Meeting adjourned at 16:45