

Croton Elementary ~ SAC Minutes

September 15, 2020

Members in Attendance: Roseann Bennett, Amanda Hitchcock, Kellye Straub, Nikki Maginness, Donna Lamb, Stephanie Nadeau, Lisa Farley, Katie Torrington

Members Absent: Kelly O'Dell, Ruby Moran, Elizabeth Andrews, Peter Vaillancourt

Call to Order: A meeting of the Croton Elementary School Advisory Council was held via Microsoft Teams on September 15, 2020. Meeting was called to order by SAC Chair, Amanda Hitchcock at 3:03 p.m.

New Business:

Review/adopt June SAC minutes-Mrs. Hitchcock asked SAC for input on the June minutes. Mrs. Straub moved to accept the minutes, Mrs. Farley seconded the motion.

SAC Roster-

- a. Members for 2020-2021 School year- Mrs. Hitchcock stated she reached out to out of last year's parents that were on SAC to see if they would like to continue. Dr. Bennett shared that we lost three parents due to students enrolling in other schools. If everyone else returns, we are still in compliance with the staff/ parent ratio.
- b. Parent Election process for 2020-2021 School year- Mrs. Hitchcock explained the application was available in our newsletter, on Facebook page, and on Croton's website. In addition, a Blackboard Connect message was sent. This year the application was created as a Google Form for parents to complete.

Gather input for School Improvement Plan-

- a. Comprehensive Needs Assessment- Mrs. Hitchcock initiated review of all the data (academic testing, surveys, etc.). Mrs. Hitchcock led the review of the draft SIP. Some key points that the SAC stated:
 - a. Similar to 2019-2020 because did not complete the year (Dr. Bennett)
 - b. No state data for 2019-2020
 - i. Component lowest performance- Science (Mrs. Straub)
 - ii. Greatest decline data- Science (Mrs. Straub)
 - iii. Greatest Gap- Science (Mrs. Straub)
 - iv. Most improved ELA (Mrs. Maginness)
 - v. EWS- attendance rate, Level 1 students (Dr. Bennett)
- c. Areas of Focus

- i. Science- 2019-2020 data show positive trends based on SIP strategies (Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Farley, Dr. Bennett)
 1. Concerned that some eLearners (6th grade) are muted and unseen. No opportunity for chat/ raise hand to ask a question (Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Farley)
 - ii. Math- Use of Eureka program (Dr. Bennett)
 - iii. ELA- on target with i-Ready typical growth. Continue MTSS (Mrs. Hitchcock)
- b. Academic Support Program (ASP)- Dr. Bennett shared that we need to include ASP in the School Improvement Plan for ELA, Math, and Science. Mrs. Hitchcock stated there would be a variety of opportunities as we are offering various platforms, days, and times.
- c. District Strategic Plan- Dr. Bennett communicated that we need to share with SAC the District Strategic Plan, specifically the following two areas:
 - a. Kindergarten Readiness- Croton is addressing Kindergarten Readiness through the use of the Learning Dynamics curriculum. Dr. Bennett is to get more information from the district on how we can improve our Kindergarten Readiness.
 - b. Third grade literacy- Mrs. Hitchcock explained we are able to address, monitor, and improve in this area through the SIP as part of the ELA component

Next Meeting- October 20, 2020

Possible Agenda Items

- District Strategic Plan Review
- Sales Surtax Renewal

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by Roseann Bennett