

September 5, 2019

Attendees:

Rose Auferio – School Rep
Cherie Mazurek – School Rep
Renata Contogiannis - Parent
Michael Edlen - Parent
LaRonda Hilton - Parent
Lynn Kessman - Parent
Rachel Swalley – Parent
Betty Schwettmann - Community Rep
Rick Schwettmann - Community Rep

Agenda:

1. Refresh meeting participants on rules and expectations of School Accountability Committee.
2. Vote on SAC chairperson.
3. Discuss SAC upcoming training.
4. Meeting schedule and topics
5. Construction updates
6. Overview of assessments, curriculum, and interventions
7. Set goals as a SAC team

Discussion:

1. SAC serves as an advisory committee with parental input to ACA Board. Voting members need to attend all four meetings.
2. Rachel Swalley was unanimously elected SAC Chair.
3. Swalley, Auferio & Mazurek will attend district SAC training on 9/10/19.
4. Lynn Kessman will serve as secretary.
5. Next SAC meetings are Tuesdays before Board meetings--11/12/19, 2/11/20 & 5/12/20--to review draft UIP, draft parent survey, & review parent survey, respectively.
6. Rose Auferio read email from Charles Wright re: construction update.
 - a) On 9/4/19, Lakewood City Council unanimously approved rezoning two Academy Park lots to allow for building residential or commercial property. Council notified Lakewood depts. of traffic and safety concerns related to locked gate on Teller & Pierce.

b) Elementary students need the playground completed.

7. Reviewed data for secondary & grammar schools.

a) Middle School struggled due to unexpected growth.

- To support transition from grammar to middle school, starting fall 2019: reduce 6th grade to 3 teachers (e.g., less movement), focus on organizational skills, and be more consistent with discipline (e.g., 7th grade).
- Offering college opportunities will shift culture.

b) CO standards expect more from elementary students earlier.

- 3rd grade adopted Big Ideas in January 2019 to supplement Saxon Math, and scores improved.
- 4th grade had many higher-needs students.
- ACA has lower class sizes and doesn't teach to the test.
- State only funds read plans for K-2.
- ACA only has ~5% GT kids vs. typical 10%. Are GT kids moving to GT schools?
- Rose Auferio will be ALP coordinator this year.
- Grades 4-5 will start writing MCRs this year.
- Other ideas: family journal, writers workshop, parent volunteers for reading and/or writing

Public Comment:

1. Last year's survey was effective with simple questions.
2. Consider ways to accommodate parents who wish to attend meeting with young children (e.g., meet in library or older daughters can babysit).
3. What is school doing for Constitution Day to comply with law?

Next Steps:

1. Post minutes.