

Patriot Oaks Academy – School Advisory Council Notes

August 23, 2016 in the Media Center, 3:46-4:30

Time 3:30pm: Welcome and Handouts

3:46 Introduction (Casey Schwartz):

- Introduces the forms in the front of the room.
- Bylaws introduced, if you want anything changed or edited, let us know.
- Motion to swear in the new members that are here today. Consensus is that everyone is sworn into the group.

3:48: School Improvement Plan (Emily Harrison):

- We do this annual, currently in draft form, so we are in the initial phases of writing the SIP. It is 31 pages and it takes a few days to go through the process with the leadership team to create the goals. It is a state required.
- Demographic/statistical data like test scores, free and reduced lunch data outlined, which is a part of our school public accountability report (available on our website).
- School mission and vision has been updated slightly, “priorities, opportunities, culture, and achievement” which is recited every morning with the students during announcements. All the faculty training we have, such as Visible Learning, helps prepare the staff to uphold the mission and our vision. Students are able to reflect on the CHARGERS acronym.

4:57 School Environment (Millie Sierra):

- Describes to staff about the student culture, how we built relationships between students and staff, how students feel safe and respected.
 - Seven Habits of Effective Kids are used, Child Safety Matters Program, outlines all the programs we use such as our Character Counts Mighty Oak program for k-5 and B6 for Middle School, the Great Kindness program, Student Ambassador program, and many more.
 - The guidance counselors are helpful in building classroom community.

4:04 School Improvement Plan Continued (Emily Harrison):

- Positive behavior expectation meetings and early warning system with an indicator chart.
- PTO’s help with creating business partnerships: Community Contributor Program which provides money for software and other resources we use such as Accelerated Reader and Storyworks.
- We are in the process of adding a new assistant principal, Dianna Carlson-Bright.
- School Improvement plan is finalized in September but changes are made throughout the year by the SAC team.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and how we encourage positive relationships between teachers, teacher mentoring programs, and strategies to recruit, develop, and retrain highly-qualified staff members.
- School Improvement Goals:
 - Teachers will be able to use effect size data in the areas of reading/math to ensure students achieve at least one year of growth and use the PLC process to collaborate with teams and identify areas of need for each student.
 - Patriot Oaks Academy will implement a Balanced Literacy Approach to ensure rigor in reading and writing in all classrooms.
 - Patriot Oaks Academy will use the PLC process to collaborate and build common formative and summative assessments.

4:26 Good of the Group

- Everyone knows the class data, we are in this together, being TRANSPARENT, we are willing to work on strengths and weaknesses so we can truly aid one another.

- We are bridging the gap between parents and students and the faculty, having this common language.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 27th. Please try to be here as much as possible. Thank you!

4:30pm Meeting adjourned