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Chair- Cynthia Dominique Vice Chair- Karla Figueroa

MINUTES

6:40pm Meeting Called to Order

Introductions and Etiquette

Elections-

- Vacancies; Election at 1st in person meeting
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Still Need:
 - €●.1. Citizen at Large Rep
 - €●.2. ESOL Rep – but their meetings conflict with ours, which might be a challenge to place

Subcommittees and other BCPS Committees-

- Grade Level (Elementary, Middle, HS), Zoning & Enrollment, Curriculum & Programs, Policy & Bylaws, Outreach
- Jody will be at our meeting this month Aug 31st for Reproductive Health Presentation. In the presentation – the stuff in red/orange is the supplemental stuff they want to add and need our feedback on. They also have a survey they want everyone to complete to give feedback. This goes to the board October 12th. Parents can't opt out of Reproductive Health because it falls under "Science" however, they can opt out of supplemental. The main reason parents DO opt out is "Well, I don't know what they're teaching my children." Cynthia brought up the point that schools should notify parents of WHEN this curriculum is covered so that parents can follow-up with their children, see if they have questions, etc.
- **We will allot 1 HOUR in our agenda August 31st for this Presentation, Q&A's**
 - **Proposed changes:**
 - The law requires us to preach abstinence, but there's nothing that keeps up from talking about prevention, so thinking that we this will be added.
 - From K-2
 - they use medically accurate names for the private parts.
 - Personal safety such as safe and unsafe touches including "private parts"
 - Teaching the definitions for domestic violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment
 - From 3-5 Students right related to their physical rights.
 - Cyber-bullying
 - Puberty in both males and females (menstrual cycles), but it excludes actual sex and gender identification

- 6th Grade: Self Esteem, Grooming and Boundaries, Fitting In, Isolation, contraceptives and birth control
 - 7th Grade: Abstinence, STDS/Infections, Contraceptives and Birth Control
 - HS is pretty much the same
- EPAC, Discipline, Waivers, Calendar, Transportation, DAC/DAC seats
- **Legislative Updates (need John to confirm for our Mtg Aug 31st)**
 - €.●.1. **NEW Name Requirements for Students:** Nicknames and pronouns other than legal name/sex need to be signed by parent.
 - €.●.2. **Cell Phones:** Is this up to the schools to decide? Or is it district? This is in our Code of Conducts, which technically needs to be reviewed annually.
- **FAST/iReady Updates**
 - iReady for Reading, Math, & Fluency – teachers like this because it gives a lot of data for assessing. It's a really good teacher tool. It's good for the data.
 - FAST has paper accommodations for ESE/IEP

€ **Steering and General Meeting Dates**

- Review of dates
 - **September: Trying to get our new Superintendent to join this meeting**
 - **Nov 2nd is no longer a Steering – changing that to Nov 16th. It will be Steering with General to Follow. Steering will be @ 5:30pm and North Area General will start at 6:15pm.**
 - **November 16th General Meeting will be with Subcommittees.**
 - **Dec 6th Steering Committee via TEAMS**
 - **Dec 21st will be 100% Virtual – only General now...But now we need to figure out a date for our Subcommittees to present bc originally, we had them on this night.**
 - **Beginning January, we're going to do Steering Mtgs on the same night of General Mtgs.**
- **Trainings:**
 - **SAF CHAIR TRAINING: September 26th, October 3th, October 10th – Chairs need to be at ALL. They're all different topics. September 26th is IN PERSON, but Octobers will be Virtual**

€ **Future Meeting Agenda Topics**

- Exit Surveys: AND there are no options for District Level Issues (aka backpacks!)
- Fast Testing
- MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)
- **Facilities & Construction** – Where is the money going? What schools are getting renovations? Timelines? What can you do and what can't do you with additional funds that aren't from the district? The Grounds of schools.
 - Look at what the PTO @ Heron Heights did with their \$200K they raised last year. They spent \$70K on sand removal from 2 of 3 playgrounds!! Who did that work? Who approved it?
- Uniforms – Town Hall coming on this in Oct/Nov?? Is there a transition going on with hoodies?

- **October:**

- Security

- **January:**

- IT – for Joe to come and give a presentation to parents on how to go through Virtual Counselor, Canvas, Blackboard, etc. How parents can make their own log-in.
- Let's Talk – it's an AI on our website, but super expensive. It was Naples or somewhere on the West Coast using it that.

- **March:** EdPlan/Focus – but Cynthia thought maybe we need to do sooner to get ahead of the program so that we all understand it.

€ **Training Needs-** History/Purpose of SAF, Policy/Bylaws, facilitating meetings, Sunshine laws/Roberts Rules, Motions, Advocacy engaging parents/Getting feedback and disseminating information, school budgets, advocacy, school board communication/meetings

Other:

- **Engagement:**

1.) Newsletter: We have schools without SAC Chairs...Cynthia was thinking a newsletter with updates (Communications Chair will handle) and we send this to the Principals.

- Do we have an Elementary/Middle/HS Section?
- Basically, we'd collect updates from each of our Chairs

2.) Going Live with our Meetings

3.) Parent Link our General Mtgs

4.) Website:

- All of our agendas/minutes need to be on there from the last 3 years
- Updating Landing Page Constantly
- We're adding calendars and dates of all the advisories and committees with their locations, times on our website (still waiting for Gifted to send us their dates). These are all open forum meetings. Calendar, Safety & Security, Multi-Lingual, ESOL

5.) One Pager of Things you didn't know then that you know Now...(Make this a Survey/Google Doc)

- a. College applications
- b. IEPs

6.) Develop E-Mail Campaigns to our School Board Members

SAF Reminders and Call to Action!

- Ethics Training
- Volunteer Application

8:29 pm Adjourn