

Penn Alexander School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 7:45-8:45am

In Attendance:

SAC Members: Michael Farrell, Kathleen Moosbrugger, Iliana Pagán, Jessica McCollum, Michelle Papachristou, Bryan Lathrop, Theresa Knight, Jayne Downing, Monica Calkins, Sarah Shackley.

Agenda:

| Agenda Item No | Agenda Item | Time Estimate |
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| 1 | Open Forum | 30 minutes |
| 2 | Approval of minutes from October 2017 SAC Meeting | 10 minutes |
| 3 | Principal Report | 10 minutes |
| 4 | SAC Homework Working Group Update | 5 minutes |
| 5 | Strategic Planning Process Update | 5 minutes |
| 6 | Discussion of December Meeting Agenda & 2018 Schedule | 5 minutes |

Agenda #1 – Open Forum

No parents were present for this SAC meeting.

Agenda #2 – Approval of minutes from October 2017, SAC meeting

Meeting minutes from October's SAC meeting were approved and are ready to be published on PAS's website.

Agenda 3: Principal Report

Principal Michael Farrell discussed and covered all the latest from his report as follows:

- i) Science Fair Expo. It was well attended and the skills were good.
- ii) Kinder Family Literacy Night: Fun and successful evening.
- iii) Fall Clubs: Great offerings.
- iv) Afterschool Snack Program: Serving 250 meals a week, got audited by the food service program and was approved.
- v) There have been 10 different field trips in the last month. Third graders went to Penn Museum.
- vi) Winter Coat Drive was a great success.
- vii) Harvest Food Drive – cans will be delivered tomorrow (date being Thursday, November 16, 2017) to the University City Hospitality Coalition.

- viii) Ms Knight – 8th graders all submitted their high school choices.
- ix) Equity Circle – 8 potlucks have taken place so far. The objective is to try and host 2 or 3 between now and January.
- x) Students performed at the Union League for the Dancing Classroom fundraiser to support more access to their program citywide.
- xi) Fall Festival – great community and fundraiser. Looking to host it earlier next year when it is warmer and light earlier.
- xii) 8th Graders – Are attending the theatre to see Annie and have a dinner experience.
- xiii) Middle Schoolers – conducting presentations on multi-cultures next Wednesday.
- xiv) December: Giving Tuesday to donate to the school to support arts education.
- xv) The Annual raffle is scheduled for 14 December, 2017.
- xvi) Winner Concert – All kids will get to experience the winner concert. It will be on Tuesday December 12.
- xvii) The district has been accepted to the Middle School basketball teams. There will be a boys and a girls team. Mr Naughton will be the coach and they will practice during the week. Schools funds will be raised for the basketball team outfits.

Agenda #4 SAC Homework Working Group Update

Principal Farrell updated the SAC group: The working group met and was given a charge. They are first going to review the current school policy in place and see how it aligns to teacher expectations and parent experience. This will be the initial conversation starter.

From now till March there will be further discussion groups to look at other schools' practices. They will research some comparisons and discuss best practices.

Agenda #5 Strategic Planning Process Update

Further updates to come.

Agenda #6 Discussion of December Meeting Agenda & 2018 Schedule

December Meeting will include a Language Access -ESL Access section with Michael Farrell and Ms. Elsie Camp.

- Looking to add a discussion section in the January 2018 Agenda regarding a school mascot for PAS.
- Middle School Basketball is starting. Volleyball and soccer to be considered in the future.
- Reviewed dates for 2018 SAC Meetings - January 23 @ 3:30pm, February 20th @ 4:30pm, March 20th @ 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned.

