

School Advisory Committee (SAC) February 2022 Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 14, 2022, 3:45PM-4:45PM

In attendance: Lauren Overton (Principal), Kristin Johnson (Assistant Principal), Vidya Plainfield (Chair, SAC), Michelle Papachristou (Vice-Chair, SAC), Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum (Secretary, SAC), Theresa Knight (SAC Member, School Counselor), Jim Dugan (HSA President), Jayne Downing (School Librarian), Leila Graham-Willis, Douglas Butari, Irene Tsikitas Lin, Jaie, Laura Parnum, Tatiana Karakasheva, Mohammed Hassen.

I. Open forum

- a. Papachristou: Question about high school process and will the process change?
- b. Principal Overton: There is a new superintendent may change the process next year. They will evaluate if there are more students who wouldn't typically apply to special-admit schools that were able to enter those schools.
- c. Ms. Knight: Students have until the 17th to respond to their school waitlist slots, then offerings to the next group of students who will then have 3 days to accept their placement or decline, and then there is another.
- d. Pagán: Children need to play, we heard there are new initiatives and children are excited. We have parents who are willing to help recess.
- e. Principal Overton: Yes, Ms. Talbert will be announcing volunteer opportunities two weeks from now. Parent volunteer packets must be complete to participate, including clearances. There will be training for parents to help guided play, to give students opportunities to engage in different types of play.
- f. Dugan: For the HAS there is election season and we need nominations for Chair. We also need help to update our bylaws and digitize them, if anyone would like to participate in that committee.
- g. Plainfield: Who should people contact to join the HSA?
- h. Dugan: We will send out an invitation in the next PONY and people can also come to our meetings and ask about what we do and how to join.
- i. Plainfield

II. Principal Report -Ms. Overton

- a. Next Friday, budget projections will be ready and we will consider staffing for next year, we can talk about this at the Coffee with the Principal. The Assistant Superintendent has a new job, moving to the Houston School District.
- b. 5-K Run is happening June 5, big community event.
- c. HSA willing to support an outdoor graduation again this year, and it will be recorded. There will be a middle school dance the night before at the tent that will be rented.
- d. Student Council is hosting Family Trivia night soon.
- e. There have been few covid cases so that is good.
- f. Graham-Willis: I'm familiar with food covid rules and can help plan events outdoors that include food.

- g. Overton: The Talent Show remains online. Information will be published in this week's PONY. We hope to have the musical in person. More details about our school academics will be given in the next Coffee with the Principal. The new progress monitoring report for the School District (we had good scores except in parent and teacher feedback forms for school climate where we rated 7.8, the threshold was 8, where parents reported they were not sure how to contact their teachers). We met all our targets based on our state goals. We had higher attendance during virtual schooling than now with the omicron wave.

III. **Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety**

- a. Plainfield: a light has been installed to make the library area brighter. The speed analysis for the street that faces CVS is in process (we are in queue).
- b. Overton: I will follow up with Jamie's office to see if they can prioritize streets around our school. Students in Ms. Kearney's class are interested in advocating and writing to City Hall. Let us know if you'd like to support these efforts to get safe passage way for schools.

IV. **Future SAC Meeting Dates**

- a. March 14, 2022.