

School Advisory Committee (SAC) May 2021 Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2021, 3:45PM-4:45PM

In attendance: Lauren Overton (Principal), Jessica McCollum (SAC Member), Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum (SAC Member), Theresa Knight (SAC Member, School Counselor), Vidya Plainfield (SAC Member), Michelle Papachristou (SAC Member), Jim Dugan (HSA President), Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky (SAC Member for Spruce Hill, chair of Education Committee at Spruce Hill), Tamekia McFadden (FACE Liaison, School District), Ann Kreidle (Guest and School Partnership Manager), Ajinkia Sase (Guest), Elizabeth Wing (Guest), Holly Lau (Guest). Student Representatives: Hidaia Ali, Max Dolich

- I. **Principal Report -Ms. Overton**
 - a. Coffee with Principal meeting happened recently where a report was given.
 - b. Goals for this year:
 - i. Keep kids safe
 - ii. Implement curriculum framing that is consistent for grades K-8 (unify curriculum with Wit and Wisdom comprehensive curriculum for English Language Arts (ELA) and for mathematics: Illustrative)
 - iii. Work on school plan to decrease the opportunity gap for students
 - iv. Strengthen school culture
 - Session with Ali Michael and Brendon Jobs for positive racial identities in a multiracial space (online): Nov. 8 at 6:30PM.
 - v. Faculty development
 - c. Vaccination Clinic (partnering with Penn Medicine)
 - i. Friday, November 12, 3-6PM
 - d. After-school Clubs happening now
 - i. If kids can't stay for the duration of the club, they should not attend that afternoon.
 - e. Dip in Attendance
 - i. Due to quarantine (kids in quarantine should not be marked absent)
 - ii. Student Wellness Survey (School District)
 - f. School Selection
 - i. If a student leaves for another school and wants to return to PAS, they would go on a waitlist (PAS has a waitlist for every grade).
 - g. School Safety
 - i. Please do not have students cross in the middle of the street, go to a crosswalk. Do not double-park for drop-off.
 - ii. Cars speed around school. We might need to ask for speed bumps and school lights.
 - iii. V. Plainfield volunteers to help with that. R. Geller-Puchalsky: Spruce Hill also interested in supporting this.
 - h. School Pictures

- i. Ann Kreidle will be photographing. Life Touch lost contract with us because they would not take pictures outside as required by the school district.
 - ii. 8th grade pictures WILL be outside with Bishopphoto with packages to buy
 - i. Vaccination
 - i. Required for students playing sports.
 - j. Questions
 - i. J. McCollum: When will the school essay be administered?
 - An email has been sent and it is posted by Ms. Knight in Google Classroom.
- II. **SAC Nominations for Elections**
 - a. Secretary: J. McCollum nominates Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum. Elected.
 - b. Vice-Chair: Michelle Papachristou nominated and elected.
 - c. Chair: Vidya Plainfield nominated and elected.
- III. **New Business**
 - a. H. Lau: Question about covid safety. When a student or staff member tests positive for covid, they go into quarantine. Does sibling go into quarantine as well?
 - i. L. Overton: The protocol from the School District says the sibling goes to school, the sibling only goes into quarantine if they test positive. Test-out option: between 5-7 days after exposure ,if they test negative let the nurse know via email and the student can go back to school on 8th day instead of 10 days of quarantine. Nurse Gornstein calls home families when there is a case. Close contact is defined as having the mask down for more than 15-20 minutes within 6 feet.
 - b. R. Geller-Puchalsky: Spruce Hill Education Committee met in September and street safety is one of our priorities. Can there be a traffic cone at the corner to force cars to make a 90-degree turn? The city has a street safety curriculum that we looked at, and it is a good resource: <https://www.phila.gov/programs/safe-routes-philly/resources/elementary-school/> Also we would like to help communicate about Kindergarten Registration.
 - i. L. Overton: Last year we sent out flyers in different languages, posted in the community, communicated with families in touch with the bilingual counselor and the bilingual counselor at Lea School. Ms Knight makes sure folks with siblings apply. We aim to have the criteria on the website before winter break, translated into multiple languages. Spruce Hill and Garden Court help put info on social media and community forums. You could host me for an event online to go over the criteria to apply for the lottery for the school and answer questions.
 - c. H. Lau: Will class size change?
 - i. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Pennsylvania is preserving class sizes.
 - d. J. McCollum: Are all positions filled at PAS?

- i. Yes, except for someone how took an extended leave. We have been able to have substitute.

IV. **Future SAC Meeting Dates**

- a. A Doodle Poll will be sent this week.