

SAC January 23, 2018

4:30pm: Meeting called to order

Committee Members Present

Cecilia Stewart, Craig Blumengold, Denise Glenn, Jeromy Johnson, Dawn Lima, Kirk Gray,

Committee Members Not Present

Dee Morgenthaler

**November Minutes Review**

Motion to approve September minutes by Jeromy Johnson , second by Craig Blumengold

Minutes approved by unanimous vote

**Parent Survey Data**

There is an increase in participation. Currently marketing materials for the school are up for redesign and all participation opportunities may be important to include as well as other ways to advertise. Facebook may be a useable application. Craig Blumengold volunteers to look into the use of Facebook Workplace.

Q3/Q4 Shows a positive response to Head of School interaction

Q7 A "Neutral" or "I don't know" response is noted in reference to *promotes cultural diversity* and *encourages a healthy lifestyle*. These are possible topics for Parent Education.

There is a slight downward trend in *provides a clean environment*.

There is an increase in the response of "strongly disagree" on *encourages exploration of the creative arts*. There is discussion related to the breakdown in response for Primary vs.

Elementary response because arts outside of the classroom apply to Kindergarten and up.

Q9 Adding "have you observed in your child's classroom" may be added to the participation opportunities.

More participation is noted at Cougar Coffee. Publishing prior "take aways" from coffee meetings may spark further interest and increase attendance.

Back to School stays at ¾ of respondents. Consideration will be given to offering parent education in coordination with Back to School Night.

University may benefit from clarity of content and purpose. There may be value in alternating open forum with pre-determined content. Consideration is given to timing University offerings once families are in routine within the beginning of the year.

**Alumni Survey and Student Survey Planning**

Student totals for the school are approximately 510. Participation is 233.

Q3 Significant improvement is noted in all aspects. Stability in staff and increased information sent home regarding materials and tips may contribute to results. Less than 30% of parents opened the report card. There is discussion of adding comments about how to work with children at home and highlighting strengths/challenges.

Q4 Despite slight improvement overall there is concern over the small number of disagreement in response to emotional security of students. Breakdown of grade level shows Primary 2, Lower Elementary 2 and Upper Elementary 4. Middle School at 0 across the board.

Q5 There are some increases of “disagree” in *promotes the development of creativity and learning to collaborate*.

Q6 *Appropriate challenge* results show an increase of “too easy”. Lower Elementary has the majority of “too easy”. Parent education regarding repetitions of concept as the student moves from concrete to abstract understanding may be helpful.

Q10 *Homework* response shows marked improvement. Disagreement is overwhelmingly in Upper Elementary. Refinement of project format is currently being looked at to improve experience.

Q8 *Technology* response remains similar to last year. Math and Technology are areas to build upon in relation to homework.

Goal suggestions are in the area of creative expression and social/emotional health.

### **Board Report, Highlights on Finances and Safety**

No long term issue with board or budget.

### **New Business**

N/A

### **March Meeting is set for Wednesday March 7 , 2018**

Adjournment

6:00 pm: Meeting is motioned to adjourn by Cecilia Stewart, Seconded by Denise Glenn  
Adjournment is approved by unanimous vote.

SAC April 9, 2018

4:30pm: Meeting called to order

Committee Members Present

Jeromy Johnson, Dawn Lima, Denise Glenn, Craig Blumengold, Kirk Gray, Cecilia Stewart

Committee Members Not Present

Dee Morgenthaler,

**January Minutes Review**

Motion to approve January minutes by Denise Glenn, second by Kirk Gray

Minutes approved by unanimous vote

**Student Survey and Plan**

Survey is given to students in technology class each Spring. Data in response to "I Feel Safe at School" will be of interest due to National climate following recent events of school violence.

**Alumni Survey and Plan**

Use of the word "child" has been updated to "student". Survey is sent to parents directly rather than to minor students. Students may be surveyed directly only with annual parent permission. A trial attempt to add parental permission for direct student contact will be sent directly by email from Head of School. Alumni group of student over the age of 18 are surveyed on a tri-annual basis at an on-site event.

Motion to approve changes to Alumni Survey and plan by Craig Blumengold, Second by Kirk Gray

Motion approved by unanimous vote

**Finances & Full Budget Review**

Douglas County Funding challenges and needs are discussed. DCS Montessori budget will be passed in April and revised in October.

**May meeting TBD**

**Adjournment**

5:45 pm: Meeting is motioned to adjourn by Denise Glenn, Seconded by Dawn Lima

Adjournment is approved by unanimous vote.



**School Accountability Committee (SAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**4 pm September 12th, 2018**

Members Present: Kirk Gray, Craig Blumengold, Natalie Mino, Andrea Dreier, Jeromy Johnson, Nergis Numanoglu

Absent: Community Member

Jeromy Johnson called the meeting to order.

**4:00 SAC Purpose & Process Review**

Surveys (parent and student)

UIP Goals

Functions: advisory, budget, safety, data collection, goal setting, evaluation

Goals roll up to Board of Directors

Need two additional meetings before winter break

**4:10 Review of current UIP goals for 2018-19 School Year**

Curriculum discussion ensued including the following:

Goal #1: Math-Implementation in process (Albanesi, ALEKS)

Elementary still falling (MAP and CMAS disproportionate)

MS - End results solidly high (new curricula)

Goal #2: RTI growth - 2nd year of new RTI process - minor gains in growth scores

Goal #3: Writing improvement - 3rd year Implementation complete

(assessment cont, standards, annual eval, curriculum)

Elementary 75%ile

MS - 30%ile higher than state and district

Committee discussed potential removal and replacement of Goal #3 as being met.

**4:20 Elections Process (member recruitment) - Roles approval**

Need a community member still - possible member discussed

Discussed moving meetings to Thursdays to accommodate more members

Discussed voting process for new members

Jeromy Johnson made a motion that the following SAC positions be filled as follows:

Chair - Kirk Gray

Vice Chair- Craig Blumengold

Secretary - Andrea Dreier

DAC Liaison - Nergis Numanoglu, Natalie Mino

The motion was seconded by Kirk Gray and was approved by unanimous vote.

**4:30 HOS Report start for the year, Bond & Mill Discussion**

Mill Levy could be an additional \$250,000 annually if passed. Discrepancy between Charter school part of bond and whole bond. Funding could replace roof, hvac, improved security). We have audited needs since our building is 20+ years old.

**4:40 General Discussion of Surveys and Goal Monitoring**

Brief discussion of plan for surveys and goals for the year ensued.

**5:00 Adjournment** - Kirk Gray motioned for adjournment, Craig Blumengold seconded and it was approved by unanimous vote.