

Naples Elementary School
SAC Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2011

Attendees:

Mona Morgan (Principal), Tiffiney Weddle (Assistant Principal), Diana Curtis (parent rep), Jennifer Morris (parent rep), Kelly Brenner (parent rep), Brian Enoch (teacher rep), Pam Eisele (teacher rep), Joe Wilkinson (parent rep), Pam O'Conner (SLO), Adriana Ardolino (teacher rep), Coleen Byrnes (school nurse), visitors Darcie Arensmeyer (parent), Kate Horrell (parent), Lordes Krause (parent), Paula Waller (parent), Eileen Amsberry (parent), Melissa Devizon (teacher)

SAC Chair ---- Diana Curtis (chair)

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting,
- Approved Agenda for the meeting
- Minutes for May 5, 2011 approved

Principal's Report---- Ms. Morgan

- Kudos for the school
 - Moooving up event was a big success
 - Star Lab an exciting trip for the students to space
 - Unwrapping new curriculum to meet standards
 - Books for Breakfast
 - Administration visited schools going through the accreditation process since NES will go through the process in 2013
- Nuts and Bolts
 - 579 students enrolled for next year
 - 8 new incoming teachers --coming from Japan, Guam, Korea and Italy
 - Terra Nova scores have been handed out to parents. Teachers will be reviewing the scores at the next faculty meeting
 - 50 new computers for the new school year
 - Paperless classroom is a possibility. Looking to 21st century teaching
 - Also looking at 21st century teaching, two second grade teachers would like to team teach in an open classroom. Hoping to work out space to allow this to happen.
- Summer Projects
 - Replace intercom system
 - Tinting some classroom windows
 - Replacing carpets in some of the rooms with tile
 - A storage cage is being added to the supply room
 - Partitions in kindergarten classrooms

- Annex building on the field in between the kindergarten rooms and the parking lot. Hope to be completed by spring 2012
- Mentors for incoming teachers
- Completing master calendar for 2011-2012
- August 23rd teachers back to work
- August 29th first day of school for students

Command Representative---- Captain Rabuse

- No report

School Liaison Officer (SLO)—Pam O’Conner

- Moving up event for rising 7th graders was a huge success. The 6th graders enjoyed a day in the life of being a 7th grader. Helped with fears and showed them around the high school. The highlight, they got to eat from the a la cart menu for lunch!
- Block party August 26th from 4-7 in front of the schools. A party to bring the school community together with students and parents. Away to get everyone excited for the start of school
- Welcome Center for the Schools—it will be located in the high school but service both schools. Hope to be open 3 hours a day and run by volunteers to help new families coming to Naples.
- Summer enrichment clubs—book club, science club, and a fantasy baseball league

Old Business

School Calendar Changes

- Parents concerned that the school was adding half days to the calendar with only a month notice.
- Unfortunately, since we had no substitute teachers in the beginning of the year, we needed additional teacher professional work days. Professional work days are required when new DoDEA curriculum resources are received.
- When the school has enough substitute teachers, teacher training days can happen on a regular school day. Teachers needed training in the beginning of the year on the new reading program. The school took a CSI training day for this purpose. The school then needed to make up for the lost CSI training day.
- We need to get the word out early that substitutes are an important part of helping to make our school run smoothly. If we can get people to do the paperwork over the summer, we might have more substitutes available in the beginning of the year.
- Parents in attendance asked if professional training could happen the week before school started.

New Business

SAC Board for 2011-2012

- We need 3 teachers and 1 parent to join the voting board for 2011-2012
- We need to get the word out to ask for participation

Sixth Grade Curriculum

- The SAC committee received 10 emails concerning the changes that may be happening to 6th grade.
- We had five parents in attendance to learn more about why this is happening and how they could help keep the current model of sixth grade the same.
- Currently the students rotate classes and have block scheduling. The parents like this model and want it to continue for the upcoming school year.
- The parents wanted to stress they like the current model and want their rising 6th graders to get the benefits of learning from the whole sixth grade team.
- New DOD standards were set in March 2011 that requires 120-180 minutes of language arts each day. This is required across the grade levels. It is a problem for 5th and 6th grade because of their block scheduling.
- 5th grade has resolved this problem by going to team teaching approach.
- 6th grade teachers are working on a plan to accomplish getting the 120-180 minutes of language arts into their day. There is a faculty meeting on Tuesday where they hope to work this out. The teachers are responsible to show through their scheduling that they are meeting the standard of 120-180 minutes of language arts each day.
- Parents asked for some notification of the results of Tuesday's faculty meeting.
- Administration agreed to send a not home to all sixth grade parents.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1st