

Fairglen Elementary
School Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes
September 12, 2013

Present

Candace Cowan – Parent Member
Nick Bailey – Parent Member
Toni Bunnell – Parent Member
Mary Dowty – Parent Member
Sue Bradin – SAC Chairperson/Teacher
Lynn Francisco – Principal
Jane Cline - Guest
Kelly Sharpless – Teacher Visitor
Michelle Cranford – Teacher Visitor
Yolanda Martinez Moaddeb – Parent Visitor

Absent

Meredith Ciccone – Parent Member
Marshall D. Malcolm – Community Member

The meeting was called to order at 4:05. Introductions were made and a special welcome was extended to Mrs. Jane Cline. Minutes for the May 2, 2013 meeting were read. Mrs. Francisco moved that the minutes be approved, and Mrs. Cowan seconded the motion.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Dowty reminded Mrs. Francisco that the hand sanitizer stand for the science lab has not yet arrived; Mrs. Francisco will check on this.

Review of Sept. and Oct. Calendars:

- The “Food for Thought” food drive will continue through September 27th.
- FunTown fund raiser will be Thursday, October 3rd (100% of the profits go to the school).
- Oct. 23rd will be our first art night at Winn Dixie (a new corporate sponsor).

Principal’s Update:

Mrs. Francisco reviewed the School Improvement Plan data reflecting the progress Fairglen made towards our goals in the 2012-13 school year. Although we did not reach the state target for students making a learning gain, we did make progress or stay the same for students making a learning gain in all categories. Our writing scores accounted for most of the drop in the school’s overall grade. The state increased the writing expectation from a score of 3.0 to 3.5. In the previous year 72% of Fairglen’s students scored at or above the state expectation of 3.0. Last year 51% of our students scored 3.5 or above. The school writing average increased from 3.0 to 3.3. There was also a slight decline in students who scored 3 and above in reading and math. Our state grade of “B” reflects a deficit of 24 points overall.

Members were furnished with a copy of the draft of this year’s School Improvement Plan. The school-based objectives are: using extended thinking strategies in daily instruction and teachers planning the use of higher order questions. Mrs. Francisco asked for questions and input. The final SIP will be submitted in October.

New Business:

Mrs. Sharpless distributed copies of Fairglen's Parental Involvement Plan for the 2013-14 school year. The plan was read and discussed. Mrs. Cowan asked what items in the plan were new for the current year. Mrs. Dowty pointed out that the Volunteer Orientation was reflected in this year's plan on page 5, but had not been in the previous plans. Mrs. Cowan inquired about the Edline data on page 12, and Mrs. Francisco explained that the data reflected the number of parents who signed up for edline at Title One outreach events. Mrs. Bradin made a motion to accept the plan, and Mrs. Dowty seconded the motion. The plan was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Sharpless distributed copies of Fairglen's Parent and School Compact for 2012-13. The compact was read and discussed. Mrs. Bradin noted that the compact provides parents with dates for conferences, report cards and interim reports. Mrs. Francisco pointed out that the compact will be available at parent conference night. Mrs. Francisco motioned that the plan be approved. Mrs. Cowan seconded the motion. The plan was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Cline explained a district initiative to monitor non-employee persons on campuses. All persons on campus are asked to help with supervision and to immediately question/report any visitors who do not have identification. The parent leadership team will help monitor the school's policy of dealing with visitors.

Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Cowan asked that the oak tree overhanging the car loop be trimmed. It has low-hanging branches that are hitting the tops of vehicles.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013.

Mrs. Cowan motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Mrs. Dowty seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.