

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes from 10-4-2016 Meeting

Present: Melissa Prock (PTA co-president) Erika Brown (1st Grade Rep.), Pam Hinnen (2nd Grade Rep.), Amy Tubach (3rd Grade Rep.), Ingrid Killian (4th Grade Rep.), Nikki Moseley (5th Grade Rep.), Ralph Jorgenson (School Board Rep.), Sharon Jarnigan (Staff Rep. Primary Grades), Stephanie John-Lewis (Staff Rep. Intermediate Grades), and David Hoffman (Principal)

- Introductions were made.
- Review of official PAC bylaws and responsibilities.
- Principal Report—David reported the following:
 - We're off to a great, calm start to the school year. It's wonderful having so many new faces and families as we create a new learning community
 - No portables being used this year—this has created a greater community feeling
 - We just completed beginning-of-the-year reading assessments
 - School board visit today (10-4-2016) we well. Board members and superintendent met with staff and toured classrooms.
 - Looking forward to International Night on 10/19.
- School Improvement Report (SIP) Review
 - Principal Hoffman shared this year's SIP with the PAC
 - The SIP was presented to the school board on 9/22
 - The four elementary schools have similar goals
 - The three major goals center around literacy, math and social/emotional growth
 - The SIP serves as a road map for this year's staff professional development and school actions
 - The SIP may be accessed on the school web site.
- School Board Updates--Board Member Jorgenson shared the following:
 - Enjoyed this morning's board visit to Island Park—he shared that he appreciates how well the school managed all the changes during the transition to four schools
 - Reminded everyone of the New Families event that will take place on 10/5 at Northwood Elementary.

- PAC Representative Reports
 - Fifth Grade: Shared that there appears to be more homework in fifth than fourth grade. Others commented that their sixth grade students had felt prepared when they went to middle school; much of the homework is project-based.
 - Fourth Grade: Shared that her own children are enjoying school (specifically recess camp)
 - Third Grade: Would appreciate periodic Spanish updates regarding what is being covered.
 - Second Grade: Discussion around student rosters. Information obtained through a public records request may be used along with class rosters obtained by room parents through permission process.
 - First Grade: Nothing to report out at this time
 - PTA: Great start to the school year. Reminder of Walk/Bike to School event before school on 10/5.
 - Staff: Appreciative of all the parent support.

Respectfully Submitted by,
/S/ David Hoffman
David Hoffman
Principal