

**Norton Elementary School
S.A.C. Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2023**

Meeting started at 5:01 p.m.

Members Present: Katherine Bailey, Tristin Ballentine, Priscilla Brannon, Nick DeConna, Kathrine Faenza, Dave Garzon, Cory Goeltzenleuchter, Edward Lavagnino, Elena Mayo, Pat Swan, Nicole DeHart

Members not in Attendance: Kenneta Sutton

Non-SAC Members in Attendance:

Adoption of Agenda: E. Mayo made an amendment to the agenda, adjusting the September date. A motion was made to adopt the agenda by E. Mayo and seconded by C. Goeltzenleuchter. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of May Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the May minutes by P. Brannon and seconded by N. DeHart. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of August Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the August minutes by T. Ballentine and seconded by K. Bailey. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

School Improvement Plan Update:

E. Mayo explained that the SIP has been approved by the school board and we are moving forward with implementation. During our next meeting, a data update will be provided. The incoming Kindergarten class is one of the lowest that we have had, however, class sizes are smaller this year. N. DeConna asked about zoning and the impact we may experience. E. Mayo explained that based on current maps, there will not be a big impact on us as of now. We do currently have a high zoning exemption rate. The district looks at physical school capacity vs. teacher staff numbers, which can cause some over enrollment. For example, Kindergarten and 3rd grade were over enrolled last year.

Budget Update:

- We have not received new funds yet this year. Numbers provided in agenda reflect last year.
- ADV - \$6,955.34
 - o This budget requires the principal to inform, but not require SAC approval, to spend funds.
 - o Potential requests: Generation Genius, Flocabulary, Thinking Maps Training
 - o Generation Genius

- E. Mayo plans to send out a survey to teachers to gauge interest and commitment level.
- E. Mayo asked teachers for input on the program: K. Bailey mentioned that it is good for the importance of having visuals, and visuals of labs relatable to students.
- o Flocabulary
 - E. Mayo plans to send out a survey to teachers to gauge interest and commitment level.
 - E. Mayo asked teachers for input on this program as well. K. Faenza discussed how engaged the students are with the songs. Reiterates teaching in a fun way. K. Bailey mentioned there are other resources outside of videos that can also be utilized. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if there is a way to track the usage. E. Mayo - cannot track on Generation Genius. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked if there is a way to offer to specific teachers who are utilizing. P. Brannon is going to find out if it's possible for teachers to be refunded for subscription or if we can pay for individual teacher licenses, or if they can use their teacher budget. N. DeConna mentioned an application process for teachers who need it. K. Faenza confirmed that it is a district approved application.
- o Thinking Maps
 - K. Bailey explained Thinking Maps and the visual thought process to the committee, as well as providing a deeper understanding of content. K. Faenza elaborated that it can be used in any subject area.
 - Mayo explains that it was for new teachers as an investment in people.
- LOT - \$1,488.70
 - o This budget requires SAC approval before spending.
 - EDI Instructional Coach - \$1200: E. Mayo would like to pay the IIC to run EDI (after-school tutoring) for the school in the spring.
 - K. Faenza made a motion to approve. N. DeHart seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.
- Teacher LED - \$7,394.33
 - o Can only be used on classroom supplies (subscriptions are not allowed to come from this budget). Funds are provided by money not utilized by teachers in Class Wallet. C. Goeltzenleuchter asked about the percentage of money that teachers do not spend. E. Mayo stated that it varied.
 - o E. Mayo provided a list of supplies to be purchased from this fund for teachers this year including: Glue sticks (\$270), pencils (\$540), dry erase markers (\$500), crayons (\$1350), post-it notes (\$620), pencil sharpener (\$1310) for a total of \$4950.
 - o C. Goeltzenleuchter asked who is not included. E. Mayo discussed who was not in the initial list and how specials will get a special additional budget/list.

- o Teachers in attendance explained they would need and appreciate these supplies. N. DeHart made a motion to approve. C. Goeltzenluchter seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

News Items:

- PTA

- N. DeHart discussed Trunk or Treat - the huge showing and success of the night overall. She explained that teachers and families participated, Norton alumni returned and students really enjoyed it. She also explained that there was a much higher turnout this year.
- A School Cleanup is scheduled for Nov. 18th. Ms. Harris is working on that event with PTA. More information is coming. Girl Scouts are planting a dwarf magnolia tree to provide shade on the playground. The Girls on the Run group is also helping to clean-up before Thanksgiving Break.

- Book Fair

- The event is scheduled for next week, with funds going to the school. The book list order must be first approved by a committee, so we are using SAC to do this. E. Mayo will send an email to all SAC members for anyone available to come review the list at school.

Community Input:

- E. Lavagnino asked how a company sponsors or partners with the school? For example, pencils with their company logo on it. E. Mayo explained they would need to go through the volunteer office with Kelley Kostomo to be an official sponsor. She elaborated that smaller donations and sponsorships could be discussed through our school. For example, N. DeConna sponsored with ice cream and C. Goeltzenluchter with pizza from McCall. N. DeHart explained that companies could also provide a banner, pay the PTA for a space on the fence and it gets put on display at the school.
- Potential Vehicle Day was discussed between community members, highlighting that PTA could possibly take it over. N. DeConna and C. Goeltzenluchter offered to help as they reflected on it being an impactful day for them during school.
- E. Lavagnino discussed other techniques for sponsorships and wanting to be more interactive with social media.
- PTA provided an update on upcoming spirit nights.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by T. Ballentine and seconded by K. Faenza. All members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be held January 22, 2024.