

## **SAC Meeting**

2/19/19

Members Present: C. Quarles Gaston, L. Farrington, M. DeNose, S. Cavin, A. White, T. Sasser, E. Thies, L. Martinez, M. Myrick, H. Barberi

\*Call to Order- 7:45 A.M.

\*Adoption of SAC Agenda- The Current SAC Meeting Agenda was adopted by the committee.

\*Introduction/Welcome

\*Public Comments – There were no public comments.

\*Approval of SAC Minutes from 11/20 – The minutes to from the meeting of 11/20 were approved by the committee.

### **\*New Business**

\*Mid Year Data: Mrs. Gaston shared mid-year data with the committee, including the data from our school and some other schools in the district. Ms. Myrick noted that the population at Hendricks has changed and that is why their data looks lower than it historically does. Mrs. Gaston acknowledged that and confirmed that Lone Star has the same issue. Mrs. Gaston shared that we have to change to meet the needs of the students and families we HAVE and not those we HAD. She also shared that the district instructed principals and assistant principals that the focus should be strengthened on those students who are behind, even to the point of working with them during lunch and/or resource. The district also communicated that teachers in grades other than 5<sup>th</sup> should stop teaching science if that time is needed to help remediate students.

The committee discussed that students are now coming in lower than they used to and that many do not attend pre-K. Ms. Farrington shared that she plans to work with primary teachers on planning now for the students who WILL BE COMING next year who are not academically where they should be. If we plan now and know they are coming, we will not be shocked and will be ready to do what we need to do to start early with them.

Mrs. Gaston shared that we would like to build a faith-based partnership with a church in the area and also that we have realized Lone Star has many systems but that they do not work in conjunction with each other. Extended day does not accentuate after school tutoring for students who are far below where they need to be. We have them right at our school after school every day but we are not maximizing this resource. We need to work smarter, not harder. Mrs. Gaston is planning to make some changes to better align the systems we have in place to better serve our students.

Ms. Farrington shared that the district informed us that we may lose our portables. The district is planning to remove portables at schools that are not fully utilizing their building space (due to decrease in enrollment). It is not definite but we are on the list to be reviewed. If we lose the portables, resources will be re-located, most likely to the classrooms in the courtyard area.

Mrs. Gaston shared that we could really use some volunteers. Ms. Myrick suggested that the Lone Star retiree luncheon would be a good place to speak to retirees about volunteering and that she and Ms. White may be able to speak to them.

Ms. Myrick also asked about what is being done to love and value the teachers here at Lone Star. Ms. Farrington reported that each and every meeting held begins with “celebrations” among faculty and staff – personal, professional or any. We celebrate each other’s large and small victories together to help build community. We have a hospitality committee that plans and hosts breakfasts, lunches, snacks, etc. for faculty and staff.

Ms. Myrick asked about what happened to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Mrs. Gaston reported that a plan was made last year to celebrate the anniversary but that Mr. Dutton and Mrs. Quillen came to her and expressed that they didn’t feel it was enough and that it needed more planning to be special. Mrs. Gaston told them we could postpone it

and that she would go along with whatever plans they came up with since they felt so strongly. When Mrs. Gaston approached them again, they said that though they had good intentions, they could not get a plan together like they wanted. Ms. Myrick asked that the school think about the next milestone (55 or 60 years) and make sure that it is planned and celebrated so that the rich history of the school and all the people who have made it special does not go unnoticed. Mrs. Gaston agreed.

Mrs. Gaston spoke about the Father/Daughter dance and that the faculty and staff at Lone Star did not have a good understanding regarding the concept. She explained that other schools do it and that the City of Jacksonville also holds one city-wide that is well attended. Lone Star will be hosting its first one on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be special and something that will hopefully celebrate the special relationship between fathers and their daughters.

\*Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3/19

\*Meeting Adjournment: 9:56 a.m.