

Traut Core Knowledge School
School Accountability Advisory Council (SAAC) Minutes
 Thursday, May 16, 2018 4:00 – 5:00 pm
 Media Center
 Chaired by Julie Swanson

“Our vision is educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships.”

PAB	Attendance
Julie Swanson (President)	N
Robben George (Vice President)	Y
Brie McFarland (Treasurer)	Y (4:15?)
Heather Fontenot (Communications)	Y
Amy Hloucal (External Strategic Planner)	Y
Wendy Podany (Secretary)	Y
TAB	
Laurie Young (new member)	Y
Michelle Whitcomb (President)	Y
Chris Jacquinot (Vice President)	Y
Tonya Schwolert (Treasurer)	Y
Chris Hunt (Secretary)	Y
Kathy Nuttall (Planner)	Y
Rob Langford (Planner)	Y
Alissa McEachern (Principal)	Y
TCKS Committee Chairs	
Foreign Language - Tracy Williams	Y
Science Fair - Shelly Falk	Y

VIPS – Brittney Ouellette	Y
Mentor – Dawn Walsh	Y
Grants and Wellness-Chris Hunt	Y

John Koelsch – Community resource and former TCKS parent was present.

Agenda items:

- I. Opportunity for [Community Comment](#)
- II. Board Member Comment: Alissa thanked Dawn for her work with the Mentor Committee, and Chris H. noted that it was great to have John K. present as he worked tirelessly on Parent Education in his years here at TCKS.
- III. Review of Minutes from October 4, 2018
- IV. Reorder Agenda
- V. Discussion Items

A. Review progress on school wide goals

1.Pursue the highest levels of academic performance with primary focus on math.

- a. As part of tracking academic excellence, focus specifically on students who “approach” academic expectations with the goal that these students will grow to “met or exceeded” expectations.
- Alissa presented DIBELS reading skills inventory results from this school year (beginning of year to end of year). End of year data showed numbers of TCKS students measuring “significantly at risk” generally decreased through the school year and the pattern of improvement from Kindergarten to 3rd grade with this population in this skill at our school has been consistent over the years.

2.We will focus on increasing the number of students who feel a connection with staff members as measured by the Connectivity Survey from PSD

- a. Adding connectivity to staff in the building
- b. Staff will be encouraged to participate in social events such as the Read-In
- c. MTSS-B Chairs will visit every classroom to remind students and teachers of our universal expectations in the classroom, hallways, and lunchroom

No data available

3.Maximize and measure our school-parent partnership participation

No data available

B. Budget 2019-2020 –

\$50 per student will be budgeted for each classroom next year. Copies are covered by the building. Teachers can request additional money for projects exceeding this budget.

C. Committee Reports

VIPS – Brittney Ouellette – struggling to fill all classroom needs with parent partners, but we're managing to stay afloat. Volunteerism numbers vary from year-to-year, but certain classes can be more difficult to fill positions than others and Brittney can't figure out why this is so. Brittney will share the Sign-up data so teachers can see if they're asking for many more (or less) volunteers than others so they can gauge their needs against the requests.

Foreign Language - Tracy Williams – Tracy will return as FL chair. Integration of Duolingo (online app) is coming along. French may be offered next year too. Will send out survey to all students re: interest in French.

Mentor – Dawn Walsh – Colleen will take over as chair. Kindergarten will have a separate orientation/training program vs. during Back to School Night. Kindergarten teachers will meet with each family individually to help orient new parents. Survey showed parents liked the mentor program in general, but turnout was low for many of the mini-conferences with staff.

Shelly Falk – Science Fair – Learning Expo went great and we'll continue as planned. Our students did very well at the PSD Science Fair.

Wellness/Track – Chris Hunt – Streamlining Traut Track Ten and will have it at lunch time vs. Friday p.m.

Grants – Chris Hunt – Streamlining Grants committee on “as needed” basis other than PSD internal or recommended grants.

VI. Next Meeting: September, 2019

VII. Adjournment