

Valley Ridge Academy, SAC Meeting Tuesday 12/12/17

Called to order (Holly Southworth) 3:30pm

November minutes reviewed and approved

School Board Update (Kelly Barrera)

- Introduction of Brennan Asplen, Paul Abbatinnozi, Scott Sherman, Dawn Sapp, Laura Wynn
- Paul Abbatinnozi, Student Services
 - Met with the SJCMAA to discuss upcoming opportunities, such as allowing 6th graders to tryout at the school where their respective 7th/8th grade athletes will try out, if that sport is not available at the new school. School-based sports outside of SJCMAA, such as cross country, volleyball, etc. will be determined by community interest, student population and the school principal.
- Scott Sherman, Exceptional Student Education
 - Decisions are being made with the goal to place students with disabilities in their home zoned school.
 - The kindergarten readiness screening timeline will be determined by the new principal, and Ms. McMandon will work with Ms. Richardson to determine time and location.
- Brennan Asplen, Deputy Superintendent for Academic and Student Services
 - Explained that upcoming meetings with the KK principal will be to discuss school colors, mascots, mission/vision, and 6th grade student leadership opportunities among other items.
 - Planning of timelines is underway for principals to hire staff and meet with school faculties to explain the process for transferring to the new schools. HR will carefully monitor transfers to ensure balance of gains and losses and that individual schools are not going to have significant impacts to recover from.
 - The board decision was thoughtfully made to open KK as a K-6 school to reduce unnecessary transitions for middle school students and to allow them to complete programs, clubs, and the learning paths they've begun at the current school.
 - Funding allocations for VRA will be adjusted because FTE is a per student allocation, but Ms. McMandon is focused on maintaining programs and educational opportunities for students.
 - Invitation to email with questions, ideas, etc. And FAQs will be on the district webpage soon.
- Dawn Sapp, Associate Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction
 - KK will open as a K-6 in year one. Programs and curriculum resources are being chosen to ensure all resources are in place when the school opens. 6th students who are taking advanced courses will still be offered advanced and higher level courses. Resources such as band, music, art, are available. Foreign language courses and supplemental resources will be determined by school principal.

New technology will be available and will meet state requirements for student:device, computer based testing availability.

Principal Update (Sandra McMandon)

- Renovating the front office at VRA to increase security to mirror the advancements in single point of entry that will be at KK.
- Coffee talk: open discussion of VRAs past, present and future
- Data chats have been underway with K-5 teachers and it is clear teams are collaborating to meet students where they are and move them forward.
- Family Bingo night is coming up this Friday night, was sold out last year and is a great fun night for all. Prizes will include: ten \$10 gift cards, Hatchimals, Lego sets, nail polish sets, Pokemon cards, etc.

Old Business (None)

New Business

- Physical Ed. request for funding a data analysis tool, FitnessGram, to collect and monitor student performance data that can be shared with students, staff and families. \$549 request will cover licenses for PE teacher to use program and who will provide reports and data to staff, students and data.
 - Request was approved.

Motion and 2nd for meeting adjourned at 4:40pm