Summitt Elementary CAC Meeting

September 29, 2020 APPROVED

ATTENDANCE
Member Attendance
(See attached list)

PROCEEDINGS
Preliminaries
Jennifer Ballow called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. via Zoom conference rooms.

There were no citizen communications to report.

This was the first meeting of the year so there were no minutes to approve.

The required training video summaries for September were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Those videos included CAC Membership, The Purpose of the CAC, and the CAC Bylaws. Committee members verbally agreed that they received the summaries and they had no questions about the documents.

The committee elected new officers: Jennifer Ballow and Thuy Nguyen were chosen as the CAC officers for the 2020-21 school year. In addition, the committee discussed the need to find a parent, business and community representative to serve on the committee. An announcement will be given via PTA and principal newsletters; the hope is to have possible candidates by October meeting.

Principal’s Report

Principal Ariel Greco shared the principal’s report for the month. Highlights include:

1) The school is currently in Phase II for reopening the building for in-person learning.
2) 752 students are enrolled as opposed to 652 last year (down 100 students). This is an average number in AISD for the Anderson vertical team. The numbers are lowest in Pre-K and Kindergarten because of the pandemic.
3) Pre-K, Kinder and 1st Grade students will start next week with specialized programs. Siblings will return phasing in 2nd grade the following week with 25% building capacity. The school is working on logistics & protocols including arrival, dismissal, health screening stations, along with collecting data with Mapgrowth, the reading and math assessment platform that has replaced I-Station.
4) A draft of the CIP (campus improvement plan) will be shared with the CAC at the October meeting.
5) The school is focusing on data-driven instruction and culture climate goals.
6) Parents will continue to have the choice between virtual learning and face-to-face instruction for their children (5-day notice). They are asked to make a commitment for a certain model for the school year and not switch between the two to minimize logistics issues.

7) Mrs. Greco introduced the two new assistant principals – Ms. Balic (504 coordinator) and Ms. Barrett (special education and ELPAC chair for English language learners).

There were two questions raised during the principal’s report:

1) Thuy has the district chosen to introduce Mapgrowth during this time when teachers are already having to adjust to online learning with the pandemic? Mrs. Greco answer: The district made the decision to move platforms before March of last year. Could not move introduction date. Platform will give more accurate data than I-station.

2) Susan P. asked whether we are prepared to have full student capacity starting November 2nd or will we have the option to do virtual learning? Mrs. Greco answer: Parent will continue to have the choice to do class virtual or face-to-face. The district will allow face-to-face learning at 25% capacity.

PTA Update

Sarah Romo de Vivar, the new PTA president presented the PTA highlights for the year so far:

1) The PTA won a national grant for $5,000 to make the mid-autumn festival a school-wide event and give lanterns and goodie bags for every student at the school (800 total). The bags were distributed through a drive-thru and curbside pickup; 600 bags were distributed. The Mid-Autumn festival was held virtually and people responded positively to the new format. 26 submissions were submitted for the contest (6 more than intended) but everyone that applied received a $5 gift card to the Tapioca Lounge so no one was left out.

2) The preorder sale for the PTA fundraiser begins October 1st. Yard signs, hoodies and knit caps will be for sale.

3) Community nights will resume – the first one will be held at Panda Express.

4) October 7th is the next PTA meeting; Kristen Ashy, AISD District Four Trustee, will be a guest speaker.

New Business / Unfinished Business

There were no new or unfinished business items discussed at the meeting.

Suggested Agenda Items for Future Meetings

1) The CIP draft will be reviewed at the October meeting.
2) An update on the campus reopening plan will also be presented during the principal report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.