

Campus Advisory Council

February 2024 Notes

School Name: Summitt Elementary
 Date/Time: Feb. 26, 2024 @ 3:30pm CT
 Location: Summitt Elementary
 Meeting Type: Regular

Agenda

Agenda Items	Action Items	Presiding Co-Chair	Presenter/ Resource Person
Call to Order, Confirm Secretary to take notes		Alyssa Calhoun	
Citizens Communications		Alyssa Calhoun	
Approval of Minutes	X	Alyssa Calhoun	
Principal Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Updates 		Alyssa Calhoun	Principal Greco
PTA Update		Alyssa Calhoun	PTA President (Becca Beck)
Watch DOGS Update		Alyssa Calhoun	Nathan Guitrau
Other Business		Alyssa Calhoun	
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Attendees:

Alyssa Calhoun (parent, CAC Co-Chair)
 Heather Brannies (teacher, CAC Co-Chair)
 Ariel Greco (Principal)
 Suzanne Skalaban (1st grade)
 Kristen Banovic (2nd grade)
 Judi Siyaj (3rd grade)
 Tina Lamon (4th grade)
 Lauren Miller (5th grade)
 Gordon Jones (Specials)
 Lisa Matuke (Classified Staff)
 Becca Beck (PTA President)
 Lubna Abraham (Parent)
 June Lazaro (Parent)

Timmie Bui (Parent)
Stacy Avery (Community)
Nathan Guitrau (Parent, Business)

Notes

Alyssa called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm

Confirm Secretary to take notes: Nathan Guitrau

Reversed order since Ms. Greco is in a meeting

Approval of Minutes: notes from January approved via e-mail

Citizens Communications

- No topics

PTA Updates (Becca)

- APEX
 - Fun Run on Thursday, March 21
 - Hope to earn \$40k-\$50k, 10% returned to teachers
 - See newsletter for grade-level times
- Spring Grant Program
 - Launches today
 - Applications via Google Forms due April 1 – see e-mail to staff from Ms. Shana today
 - Have funded Eagle's Nest calming room, Really Great Reading, etc.
- Scholarships
 - Scholarship applications due May 1
 - Must be furthering education
 - Now high school seniors who attended Summitt for at least three years
 - Question: must be in AISD?; no, but Becca will review to confirm
- Next meeting via zoom on March 4

WatchDOGS (Nathan)

- Dads-n-Donuts spring volunteer recruiting event this Friday before school at flag pole
- Hosting socials – Poker Night after February meeting last Monday, crawfish boil coming in April
- Have requests for upgrades around portables – sheds/shipping containers, pergolas, planters, etc.

Principal Update (Ms. Greco)

- Tet Night
 - Great event
 - Four Board Trustees attended
- Counselors wrapped their parent book study
- Counselors – one of three schools honored with *Leadership in Advocacy* award!
- Field Trips: 4th and 5th – Young People’s Conference at Long Center this week
- Interims this week: in lieu of Short Cycle Assessments, doing TEA interim assessments; option to give a mid-year in Nov/Dec we build, or use this TEA assessment; teachers and staff decided to use TEA; we selected to conduct at the end of Feb; today was 3rd – 5th Reading; teachers will use data to understand the projected efficiency rating; students have same first questions, then the remainder are adaptive
- TELPAS was last week
- Shutting campus down most of April for STAAR testing – will communicate details in next month’s Talon Talk
- Won’t be testing on April 8 (eclipse) – avoid Fridays and Mondays
- Teachers who attended Lead Forward last week reported back to rest of staff
- Tutorials and tutoring since January – intervention has already started en route to STAAR
- Wrapping “feel-good February” – PTA-funded lattes coming this week – thank you PTA!
- Pride Week is coming March 18-23 – follow AISD guidelines, counselors share during assembly
- A lot happening!
- Will speak to staffing and budget in March (coming end of March) – hiring season will soon kick off; we need a bilingual teacher (Vietnamese); other opening is an ESL teacher; requiring candidates to be good, qualified
- TEA added a Special Ed allocation for us recently – Mr. Jim substituting regularly to support the SPED team; looking to hire as soon as possible; the transfer window usually opens the week after Spring Break; candidates will be able to see Summitt openings
- For 3rd grade, have two substitutes sharing days of the week
- For 2nd grade, have a regular substitute
- Many campuses don’t even have substitutes – our kids are generally getting a certified teacher on most days
- Alyssa: GT staffing
 - Ms. Greco: Gifted & Talented screenings happened
 - Alyssa: my second-grader isn’t getting much GT instruction; way for District to provide additional support if numbers are increasing?
 - Ms. Brannies: not a specific GT pull-out program for AISD; RRISD has a different program; no dollars to put into it;
 - Teachers: don’t like it either; it may be special text or project (parents only likely see the projects); they (students) could also not be aware they are doing extension work; Ms. Greco: voice and choice exchanges, choice boards
 - Ms. Banovic hasn’t seen a large change in number of GT students
 - Ms. Greco: still a little under in some demographics

Other Business

- Mr. Ford and Mr. Bradley cleaned up after Tet Show – thank you!
- Multicultural Night is Friday evening
 - June: open to other schools, communities?
 - Group: yes, parental attendance required; CAC confirmed it's open to everyone
- Eclipse
 - Lubna: eclipse plans?
 - Ms. Greco: glasses have arrived; everyone will go outside; not open to community; way too many people; teachers will take their kids out;
 - Our peek time is 1:32 pm
 - Chatter that some may not send kids, do something as a family
- Next meeting is Monday, March 25

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm

Notes respectfully submitted by Nathan Guitrau