

Akins Campus Advisory Council Minutes

February 19, 2014

Members Present:

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| Melissa Contreras | Natalee Peterson | Adolphus Anderson |
| Lisa Beach | Gayle Ferguson | Daniel Girard |
| Tonya Kallfelz | Vickie Warr | Dylan Gerald |
| Beverly Mendez | | |

Call to Order:

Melissa Contreras, Co-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Comments:

None

Minutes:

Upon motion by Ms. Mendez, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Principal's report:

- Mr. Girard distributed copies of the budget. Enrollment has dipped a bit so there is a decreased amount from \$286,00 to \$239,000. Real bodies showing up may impact this number at the start. Staffing is based on student population. The only area of choice is in what teachers teach depending on certifications. Mr. Girard realized may have to tweak budget to include overtime for support personnel. General supplies may be cut to accommodate the overtime. As we progress through the year, departments will be given predictions on cuts or reassignments. A signature page was passed around for present members to acknowledge budget. A question about band and its allotment was clarified by Mr. Girard who explained the separate accounts that fund band. Last year Akins left about 10 thousand dollars on the table. A question was asked if this is a district expectation to help with teacher bonuses.
- The letter to Pearson regarding field testing questions on the upcoming STAAR was distributed by Mr. Girard. Comments included concerns about extra essays that were part of the field test. A question on type o f

letter (based on data or the heart) should be sent to Pearson. Mr. Girard said that data point was already brought to their attention. He wanted Pearson to understand that they are potentially holding kids back for the benefit of Pearson and their research, not for the benefit of the students. Ms. Mendez moved to accept the letter and it was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

- Doing well with basketball. Game Friday in Bryan, Texas at 6 o'clock.
- Campus Leadership Team (CLT) will create a PowerPoint that measures what we say we are doing with what we are actually doing. Systems are in place but are they being implemented with fidelity. The report will include data on the many systems in place as a call to action. MOY data results will be reviewed. A litany of metrics will be presented and reviewed. In the process of doing this, issues have risen to the top. Support classes have been assigned to students who are in need, but some students were discovered not to be in the right place.
- As we ramp up for EOC tests, observation of teacher performance has been amped up. Some teachers have been discovered to be in need of support. Working through BTEN protocols, team teachers have been assigned, some teachers have had schedules flipped, in an attempt to set up kids for optimum success.
- Mr. Girard commented on Academy Fair night which was a great success. Many parents and students were able to ask questions and get clarifications on academies. Major signage hanging from the ceiling may be an option for future academy fairs.

Motion to accept made by Ms. Mendez and was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

DAC – Adolphus Anderson:

- Mr. Anderson reported that at the last meeting that representatives discussed issues of House Bill 5, with a draft given to principals to see metrics. Nine indicators of 10 different metrics were studied. This shows principals where they can make improvements to their campus. New parent co-chair at the district level will be taken on by Mr. Anderson. The Superintendent gave updates on National Board Certified teachers. Waiver for staff development will be used for bad weather day. Next meeting will be a discussion of budget.

Motion to accept made by Natalee Peterson and seconded by Ms. Mendez.

Academy reports:
Tonya Kallfelz (SSA)

- Academy updates include info from STEM: taking robotics to Lufkin to complete. 9th and 10th graders going to A&M to visit labs. Green Tech pulling kids in to check on grades and attendance. They are excited because they have registered new 9th graders. HOSA has 4 students advancing to state. Social Services education program has 23 students going into the Ready Set Teach program. Three day college visit will be organized during the summer. ABLLE is beginning their life safety training at UT Law School. ABLE will try to start a day of Beauty. AHA supporting seniors at risk and absentees. A special meeting is called for frequent absentees. An internship with MexicARte Museum is taking place through classes who are learning screen-printing and the marketing thereof. New Tech has been working with at-need seniors to meet graduation. Only 8 seniors need to complete college applications. For upcoming year a possible 48 students registered for New Tech academy from the various middle schools.

Motion to accept made by Ms. Mendez and was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

PTSA Reports – Mr. Gerald, President

- Mr. Dylan Gerald stated at the last PTSA meeting the budget was not approved due to number votes needed to validate. PTSA is working to bring back Fiesta Akins and start a movie night in the courtyard on May 2nd.

Motion to accept made by Natalee Peterson, seconded by Tonya Kallfelz.

Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Ferguson apologized for arriving late but wanted clarification on the letter to Pearson. Additional grammatical corrections were made.
- **Adjournment:**
- Question proposed regarding our next meeting being in two weeks. A motion to hold next meeting on April 2 made by Tonya Kallfelz and seconded by Mr. Anderson passed.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Natalee Peterson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson at 7:05 p.m.