

Humphreys Central Elementary

School Advisory Committee

3 PM, Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at HCES

Meeting Minutes Start: 3:02PM

Meeting adjourned: 3:41PM

Attendees: Ms. Molly Hayden, Ms. Shenae Wiley, Ms. Shelley Wolfe-Odunuga, Ms. Eliisa Mares-Lundeby, Dr. Wilson, Ms. Gray, Ms. Camus, Dr. Carmichael, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Binfield, Mr. Hancock, Ms. Erica McKeel, Ms. Hariz

Meeting Agenda

Welcome/Meeting Norms

Presentation of last meeting's approved minutes

Reports:

- SAC Chair: Ms Molly Hayden
- **Appointment of VP**

~Ms. Woodfield had to step down - Mr. Binfield will step up to VP

Update on District SAC informational website

~A copy of the website was sent out to the group to view. The website was approved by Dr. Sherwood. It is NOT a DoDEA sanctioned site (DoDEA approved, but not official) - purely informational made by parents for parents.

Principal: Ms Shenae Wiley | Vice Principal: Ms Shelley Wolfe-Odunuga

~ Ms. Wiley touches base on successful PI Night - will hopefully have more events next year, maybe add concerts.

~IG for DoDea was at the school to look at records and we passed.

~School store is up and running - currently working on kindness.

~Universal Pre-K is approved and moving forward (could change depending on congress votes). There will be 5 class now (one was taken away) with a ratio of 18 kids to 2 teachers. It is only a full day program. Parents will pay for lunch (unlike SureStart) which will be eaten in the classroom, and Dodea will purchase 2 snacks per day. There will be a scheduled nap time and the course will follow a creative curriculum/learn through play. The Pre-K kids will ride school bus with elementary if near a stop off base. CDC will also do an afterschool pick-up. The classrooms for Pre-K will be in the 1st wing on the 1st level. There will be a lot of moving of classrooms in preparation for next year.

- SLO/Installation Commander: Ms Melody Hill
- **Mr Binfield: IAC quarterly meeting brief**

~April 3rd is the working committee meeting (SRO stuff and the recent lunch issues are to be discussed).

Old Business:

- **After School Club**
 - Parent/Teacher Feedback on selection process.
 - Ability to offer more clubs (info from Dr. Sherwood)

~Dr. Sherwood will get the selection process back and hopefully will have more club options in the future. Motion to remove: Ms. Hayden, Second: Mr. Binfield

- **Update on playground equipment and repair: timeline.**

~There is no update. Ms. Wiley verifies we are on the list, but slowly moving forward. Congress didn't pass the bill for funding so no timeline currently. New Pre-K classes will use Kinder playground in the meantime. Motion to remove: Ms. Hayden, Second: Mr Binfield

- **Update from Dr. Sherwood on teachers joining boards for special education;** add official quote to minutes: "If a DoDEA employee participates in the forum, it is against the advisement of our legal department, and any perspective or position taken from that employee is strictly from the employee's personal stance as they would not represent the school, district, region, or agency in said forums."

~If a Dodea teacher participates they are as a parent, not a teacher. Motion to close Ms. Hayden, Second: Mr. Binfield

New Business:

- **Field trips**
 - Set funding for field trips

- How are locations determined
- Can parents expect more post-covid
- Field trips off base vs. on base

~Ms. Wiley verifies that each grade is encouraged to take one major field trip off post. The location is determined by grade level - all classes must agree to do the same trip in order to be fair. The trip must be tied into the current curriculum. Each grade level is able to plan a field trip to occur prior to May 15th. Motion to remove:

- **Updated Cafeteria policies**

- Is the allowance of multiple desserts within the best interest of our students and their overall health
- Col. Workman met w/AAFES GM due to parent complaints
- Reminder AAFES not a local contract
- Current issues for Central: Desserts not listed on weekly menu; students not eating main lunch, only desserts; parents were not informed, nor aware they can limit accounts/spending per day
- Food sharing policy between students/implementation
- Fruit/Veggies no longer free | Students w/o home lunch must buy a school lunch. Accurate policy?

~Reminder this is occurring in ALL DoDea schools. Currently selling cookies and popsicles every day and there is a limit on A La Carte items which includes treats and fresh fruits/veggies as well. Children are being denied fresh fruits/veggies after eating treats because of this limit. Ms. Wiley verifies this goes against federal policy and will get to the bottom of it. This issue has been raised to IAC and was also put into News you can Use - which was very helpful and appreciated. Close on our local level. Motion to remove: Ms. Hayden, Second: Ms. Gray

- **4th Grade student/teacher ratio**

- Ability to hire more teachers
- Plan for projected growth next year

~Ms. Wiley verifies the addition of another teacher. She already has the slot open for the position starting in AUG. The school is currently hiring. Motion to remove: Ms. Hayden, Second: Ms. Gray

- **School Growth/SAC board**
 - Open positions next year
 - Number of positions needed to fill based on projected student body

~Projecting over 900 students SAC will need at least 10 spots (5 parent reps, 5 teacher reps). Motion to keep on agenda: Ms. Hayden, Second: Ms. McKeel

- **24/25 School year projected quarterly SAC meeting dates**

- Oct 16
- Jan 15
- March 19
- May 21

~These dates have been approved by Ms. Hill and do not interfere with other SAC dates or IAC meetings.

Open Forum * (3-minute time limit, request must be presented in writing before start of meeting).

Closing

~ The next IAC meeting is actually April 11th - (May 30th is the final IAC meeting)

- Installation Advisory Committee meeting: May 30, 4PM at Riverbend Golf Course Ballroom.

- **FINAL HCES SAC Meeting for the school year:** May 22, 2024, 3p.m. Humphreys Central Elementary School.