

Alta View SCC Meeting: May 23, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Parent Representatives: Matthew Toone, Pam Brooks, Katie Grigg, Kelly Collinson, Kaitlin Brigman, Jason Williams, Jessica Davies

School Representatives: Christina Hanks, Jamie Richardson, Lisa Talbot, Becky Little, Alyson Jensen, Karen Medlin

Missing members: Staci Caldwell, Shanon Goodpasture-Lehr, Stacy Johnson, Cassie Smith, Ashley Nichols, RaChel Pont,

Meeting called to order at 3:17pm

Motion to approve minutes of last SCC meeting

Motion approved unanimously

Update on construction timeline:

Because existing building has asbestos, timeline is being strictly adhered to.

School closes on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday: School Sale happens where local and charter schools can purchase whatever they need.

Saturday from 8am to 10am in the Kindergarten area there will be a public sale where any remaining items will be sold to the public. Asbestos abatement will happen in the south end first as there are utilities that need running through there. Demolition of the south-end happens as soon as the asbestos crews move to a different part of the building. As they complete areas of the school, it will be demolished. The demolition happens in sections.

Parking area and flat top area will be installed as quickly as possible. Although sod will be laid in the fields prior to school start, the students may not be allowed on it until it has taken root fully.

August 17 will be ribbon cutting and open house and the public/students will be welcome to walk through. Time to be set.

Both of the playground pieces that were removed are supposed to return plus a new piece of equipment. There will be either a rubber mat or shredded rubber (hopefully a mat) will be installed.

Review of District Wellness Policy

The main parts of the wellness policy is around lunch and physical activity. No vending machines are allowed in Elementary School. Policy also requires a 20-minute lunch break and easy access to water. There is a requirement that there is no selling food during the day outside of lunch. If food IS sold outside of lunch during the school day, it must be pre-approved and it cannot be more than 5 consecutive days of selling.

District Policy is to encourage physical movement in the classrooms and teachers are asked to work in movement exercises during the day.

District requirement is that the policy is reviewed by School Community Councils and any comments given as feedback to District.

- Noted that the current district office individual who sets the food policy is not fully aware of issues with Gluten allergies etc. IE: Chocolate milk has gluten. That person needs to be well versed in putting together a gluten-free menu.
- In addition, there is no water option with lunch. The water option was removed given that the floor got very wet as the smaller children spilled a lot of water and made the floor slippery. There is a drinking fountain outside of the door, so it was felt that water was being supplied. Parents would like water in the cafeteria. It was agreed that a water option would be good, however thought is required around how to implement without causing a slip hazard. We will assess how to do this in the new school.
- Feedback that the fresh fruit and veggies option is excellent. Also noted that it is being eaten and not wasted in our school, despite the news reports that say students throw it away.
- Whole Grain pasta/everything is something that students hate, but this is a federal/district mandates on school lunch, despite the fact that most kids won't eat it because it simply doesn't taste right.
- Questions asked about rules in the lunchroom and why we concentrate on noise level. Is it true that students cannot talk at all? No, that is not true. Trying to keep the noise level to a reasonable level during lunch times is a challenge. Students are allowed to talk but are encouraged to keep the noise levels reasonable. If they do not, there are consequences such as sitting "boy/girl, boy/girl", however the "boy/girl" mandate is short-term. If students show they are following the rules, they can sit with whoever they want. This happens most of the year.

Review of District Dress Policy

The dress policy is contained within the "Student Conduct and Discipline Policy" and follows the Hazing/Bullying part of the policy.

District maintains that the dress code should be appropriate for the activity etc. that the student is participating in. Nothing immodest, suggestive, illegal, dangerous, promoting violence or gang affiliations (hence, no hats). Shoes must be worn at all times as well.

District has asked all Elementary Schools to review the dress code following a concern from a parent regarding footwear (specifically Soccer Cleats) being worn. Unanimous agreement that cleated footwear should not be allowed for numerous safety reasons. Indoor cleats were brought up (similar to Tennis Shoes). Per District, the superintendent has requested that each school sets their own policy rather than there being a district-wide policy.

Agreement that the policy should be worded to specifically exclude hard outdoor cleats for safety reasons (given that the outdoor style cleats are generally harder in nature, feature a hard top and can injure someone inadvertently).

Long discussion on Dress Code policy and enforcement and noted that it is set by district so we have no real ability to reset it for Elementary School. Good discussion that it is designed to try and teach kids to understand the concept of dressing appropriately for the situation.

Fall SCC Election Procedure

Noted that the election process is that any SCC member serves a two-year term. District noted that all schools must choose when they hold elections (Spring/Fall etc.) and that each school needs to continue with their policy for 4 years once decided.

Alta View Elementary elections will be held in the fall.

Numerous people are reaching the end of their term, but can serve again if desired. All they have to do is nominate themselves in the fall. The representatives who are ending their two-year term are:

Parent Representatives

Staci Caldwell
Kelly Collinson
Shanon Goodpasture-Lehr
Katie Grigg
Stacy Johnson
Cassie Smith

School Representatives

Christina Hanks
Alyson Jensen
Libby McShinsky
RaChel Pont
Lisa Talbot

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm