# Tuttle Elementary School School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes- Sep 26, 2023

### Attendance:

Dr. Patti Folino (Principal)
Sarah Gimmi (Chair/Teacher)

Peg Rauch (Secretary)

Martha Ibarra (Parent & Teacher)
Eldris Nalena (Parent)
Jerrilynn Jones (Parent)
Maria Mora (Parent)
Olivia Lemke (Teacher)

David & Sabrina Mazon (Parents)

Anne Rollings (Gecko's Hospitality Group)

Norma Garcia (Parent)

Sara Knouse (Assistant Principal)
Jacqueline Quintana-Mayo (Co-Chair)
Davian Spires (SCS Title I PFE Coordinator)

Vivianna Blanco (Parent) Jares Rivero (Parent) Araceli Librado (Parent) Charity Carretero (Parent)

AnaKaren Villa (Home School Liaison/Tuttle)
Ruth Rubenstein (Community Partner)

Oksana Railian (Parent)

#### Call to Order:

A meeting of the Tuttle Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on Sep 26, 2023. Chair Sarah Gimmi called the meeting to order at 3:49 pm. Peg Rauch recorded the minutes of this meeting.

#### Minutes:

Approval of Previous Minutes: N/A 1st meeting of 2023.

Old Business: None

### **New Business:**

SAC Chair Sarah Gimmi reported:

- Membership explained, and interested parties raised their hands. Membership accepted.
- SAC Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 3:45 pm in the Media Center.

Motion: Sarah Gimmi (Chair) motioned the following, Mr. Mazon to second:

- Vote to Approve Ruth Rubenstein as meeting interpreter for Spanish members.
   Approval: unanimous
- Vote to compensate SAC chair, co-chair, interpreter, and secretary from SAC funds. Approval: unanimous
- Introduction of special guest, Davian Spires, Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Administrator.
  - Mr. Spires spoke about how schools can support families and compliance monitoring. PFE Champion or liaison at Tuttle is Anakaren Villa. Mr. Spires will always ask, "How can I support you, Dr. Folino?" Dr. Folino commented that it is a partnership, and we cannot do it alone.
- Introduction of Sara Knouse, Assistant Principal
  - Reviewed recent FAST data looking at last year's PM 1 compared to this year's – by grade level and cohort.

- Reviewed data from last year and compared it to this year's first round of assessments. Data showed 6% growth, except for 4<sup>th</sup> grade math. Sabrina Mazon (member/parent) suggested that math was a problem area; Ms. Knouse explained that math skills build and get harder each year. Ms. Knouse explained the different grade assessments and the accuracy of the data.
- Sarah Gimmi pulled up Standards (Big M) on the Activ board and showed members the standards for each grade and year. She also explained the process teachers go through after the assessments regarding mastery, proficiency, re-teaching, etc.

## Treasury:

Sarah Gimmi reported: SAC District Funds: \$8,864.08

SAC Internal Funds: \$63.30 Total Funds: \$8,927.38

### Principal's Report:

- School Improvement Plan: A document written each year by the school showing a plan for student's progress in Intervention, ESOL, Speech and Language, Language Arts, Math, and Reading. A 60-page SIP document was reduced to 1 (2-sided) document and distributed to attendees.
- 6% growth is the goal for 2023.
- Tuttle teachers collaboratively plan one hour weekly to evaluate individual data and plan lessons together for each grade.
- How classroom instruction and testing data drive teaching. Teachers rely heavily on data to plan a path for each student.
- Many new afterschool programs were added this year:
  - Musical
  - o STEM Program
  - Little Medical School (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade only)
  - Theatre

### **New Business:**

- Motion to Approve Ruth Rubenstein (community partner and 2022 SAC translator) as the 2023 meeting interpreter for Spanish members. Approval: unanimous.
- Ruth Rubenstein requested that all documents and notes pertaining to SAC be translated into Spanish.

Vivianna Blanco gave Mr. Lotsorto (5th-grade math) Kudos for sending home math videos to help students.

- Ruth Rubenstein spoke on behalf of Araceli Librado and Hispanic families, saying that they were all very appreciative of the information being sent home both on paper and class DOJO. Also, extra work is being sent home by various teachers.
- Sabrina Mazon said being able to do iReady at home is a 'game-changer,' and other families should know about this access.

# **Future Topics:**

- Jerrilynn Jones (Parent) wants to restart the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), which has been defunct for the last eight years.
- New program where students can apply for free internet service and an iPad. The information for this qualifying program can be found in the front entry in the glass cabinet.
- A parent from Cuba requested permission to create a journal of the immigrants at Tuttle and their stories. Dr. Folino will explore options.
- Sabrina Mazon wants to start a 'Run Club' for students.
- Dr. Folino to report the exact % of ESOL and minorities at Tuttle Elementary.

### **General Comments:**

- Dojo points for students of each parent attending today's meeting (2 parents=2 points). Jacqueline Quintano-Mayo to award DOJO points.
- The next meeting is October 31, 2023, at 3:45 pm in the Tuttle Media Center.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:49 pm by Chair Sarah Gimmi, second by Ruth Rubenstein.