

Sebastian Middle School
School Advisory Council

March 1, 2022

Meeting began: 2:01pm

Attendees: Marilee Churchill (Chair), Tracy Clauson (Vice-Chair), Mollie Malloy, Jennifer Farrow, Brent Bechtold, Younglife, Jennifer Gamble

I. Welcome. Not too much to cover today – April’s meeting will be our BIG one where we go over our SAC Surveys.

II. Principal Update Had a successful rising 6th grade night. About 140 families showed up. This week, guidance will be at Ketterlinus, RB Hunt and Crookshank to register students. All 6th grade students should have PE and Stem or ICT. This is a district goal that every middle schooler either take an honors course or have an industry cert. About 88% of our 8th graders have taken an honors course or have an industry cert. Stem Summer camp will be the week of July 25th for 3 days. Usually when 6th graders take the accelerated Match course – they are required to take an online APEX placement exam to see if they are ready for the accelerated course. This turns out to be about 20 hours of practice BEFORE their 6th grade math class. Mr. O’Neil is willing to do a 3-day bootcamp for students to do face-to-face lessons instead. All schools present their School Improvement Plan to the district, Ms. Gabaldon presented ours with a focus on student choice. Access & Equity are very important here. It was very well received as we are the only Stem-certified school in the district. Our stem-business partners are very excited to work with us by providing guest speakers and field trips. A big master calendar with the STEM class objectives would be beneficial to our Stem Advisory Board. Gearing up for Spring Fling right now.

III. Survey Updates At this point a little more than 50% of students have taken the SAC Survey. About half of the staff has completed it, the goal is that 75% do it. The district wants 20% of parents to complete the survey – as of now we have about 40 parents have completed the survey. We have sent a flyer, texted, and emailed the link to parents, it will also be in the March Newsletter... but we still need more participation!

IV. Public Comments – Brent: The text that went out, if parents have students in more than 1 school the text doesn't say which school it is for. So maybe, when the text blast goes out the school should be included.

We should also set a goal and say where we are at when send emails to staff... for example: We only have 50% of staff responses and our goal is 75%!

Question: Can we enter parents/students into a drawing if they complete the survey? Answer: No, because the survey is 100% anonymous.

Can we have parents that are in the parent pickup line way early fill out the survey? PTO volunteers to man this operation. Provide a laptop and/or QR code for parents to scan while they wait.

V. Closing – Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm.