

Kiker Elementary Campus Advisory Council (CAC)
Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 26, 2024
Kiker Library, 3:30 pm

Present:

ADMINISTRATION

Carrie Abrams, Principal
Kelly Zilem

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Abbey Raymond
Candace Cotten
Anmarie Bochey
Carolyn McKaskle
Eileen Vasquez
Ginny Monger
Kim Reiman
Pooja Mulgaonker
Virginia Nabers

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Adrienne Huebner
Cory Lago
Danielle Becka
Lily Tu
Marissa Streyle
Sharon Haywood
Stephen Meyer

PTA REPRESENTATIVE

Cecilia Cavazos

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Ian Grossman

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Warren Faulkner

GUESTS

Lizzie Bowlin

NOT PRESENT

Alma Chapa Moore
Stephanie Toman
Alyssa Turnipseed
Ashley Cross
Les Trobman
Ellen Thelen

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by Marissa Streyle. Quorum was present.
2. **Training:** Carolyn McKaskle provided a review of AISD training on CAC Membership. Training material can be viewed at www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cac/resources.
3. **Citizens Communications:** There were no citizen communications.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from May 2024 were approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Eileen Vasquez and seconded by Warren Faulkner.
5. **Co-Chair Selection:** Marissa Streyle and Carolyn McKaskle stated they are happy to serve as co-chairs again if no one else would like to volunteer. There were no other volunteers.
6. **Principal's Report:** Carrie Abrams shared information about several topics.
 - **Staffing update:** We are fully staffed as of today (a TA started today). We have a new front office staff member, Alexis Parrotte. There will be some staff changes throughout the year due to maternity leaves. Ms. Abrams shared a general overview of the number of staff we have in each area.
 - **Data updates:** One of the biggest pieces of data we look at is MAP data (reading and math). Looking at last year, what is a reasonable amount of growth to achieve? The numbers were all in the 70s. As a campus, we feel we are ready to be at 80 percent in both math and reading for "at or above grade level." We are focused on individual student growth. We meet weekly with grade levels in "professional learning communities" and discuss reasonable student growth for individual students. We use this data to help set our goals for this school year. Other data we use to set goals comes from the Panorama survey results. We had a couple hundred families fill it out, as well as the staff.

Lastly, STAAR “official data” has not been released yet. We anticipate an A rating, likely a score of about 90-91. Once that is official, she will share it.

- Campus Improvement Plan: The CIP was mostly completed before Ms. Abrams arrived, but there are some sections that require final STAAR scores to complete. It’s about 40-50 pages, but in short, it talks a lot about STAAR improvement (as a campus, looking to increase “Meets” and “Masters” level scores). The CIP also looks at culture and climate building, both between families and our campus and among the staff. Our “big rocks” will help inform the decisions we make. Our current “big rocks” are MAP data (aiming for 80% at or above grade level in reading and math), staff climate/culture (we want staff to respond favorably to feelings of belonging and connectedness at work, so we’re looking at ways to improve that), and parent/family engagement (increase % of favorable family responses to the question about student preparedness for the next school year).
- Sharon Haywood asked about the plan for increasing the “meets/exceeds grade level” scores in math and reading. Ms. Abrams said it starts with professional learning communities. They will meet with grade level teams and will look at assessments and how best to prepare students. They discuss specific instructional strategies and try to be proactive instead of reactive. For reading, they look at phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, etc. Once they can identify which skills each child needs the most help with, they can figure out how to address it.

7. **PTA Report:** Cecilia Cavazos shared the following updates.

- Upcoming vote on creating board positions for grade reps. We are tabling that for now, which was a decision made a couple days ago.
- Important upcoming dates: Coffee talk/ volunteer expo on September 12 (time TBA, but probably after drop off), APEX Oct 14-15, talking about changing fall festival to the 20th from the 30th. The PTA board will address that tomorrow at their meeting. Also talking about moving the first GMM to November 20.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cecilia Cavazos and seconded by Danielle Becka. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Submitted by Adrienne Huebner, CAC member.