

Kiker Elementary Campus Advisory Council (CAC)
Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 4, 2024
Kiker Library, 3:30 pm

Present:

ADMINISTRATION

Carrie Abrams, Principal
Alma Chapa Moore

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Alyssa Turnipseed
Anmarie Bochev
Carolyn McKaskle
Ginny Monger
Kim Reiman
Pooja Mulgaonker
Stephanie Toman
Virginia Nabers

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Adrienne Huebner
Cory Lago
Les Trobman
Lily Tu

Marissa Streyle
Sharon Haywood
Stephen Meyer

PTA REPRESENTATIVE

Cecilia Cavazos

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Ian Grossman

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Warren Faulkner

GUESTS

NOT PRESENT

Abbey Raymond
Ashley Cross
Candace Cotten
Danielle Becka
Eileen Vasquez
Ellen Thelen
Kelly Zilem

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm by Marissa Streyle. Quorum was present.
2. **Training:** Carolyn McKaskle provided a review of AISD training on CAC Record Keeping and the Meeting Process. 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 October 2024 were approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Warren Faulkner and seconded by Pooja Mulgaonker.
5. **Principal's Report:** Carrie Abrams shared information about several topics:
 - CIP Update: Ms. Abrams met with 2 CAC members, Sharon Haywood and Lily Tu, to review CIP goals and answer their questions. She edited necessary items in the CIP so that acronyms are clear to all stakeholders. In the meeting, Ms. Abrams shared some ideas about Gifted and Talented “long term goals” as well as current Vertical Team strategies for short and long term goals to increase overall academic performance. She also shared a recent purchase of “consumable” text books for 3rd and 4th grades. Cory Lago asked if the consumable textbooks continue to go well, is there a way to ensure that we can continue to have a budget for those items. Ms. Abrams says yes, she wants it to be a sustainable initiative.
 - Literacy/Math Updates: We have a goal of 80% of students achieving “at or above” grade level on reading and math MAP assessments. We are starting an Early Literacy Initiative for K-2 where parents will begin to receive newsletters that explain what the students are working on and what they should be able to do. At a recent staff development day, the TAs worked on a bunch of activities for primary literacy small groups. We also purchased some phonics activities/manipulatives. In 2nd-5th grade math, we are starting a program called Reflex for Math Fluency. It is individually tracked and can be used at home (15-20 minutes/day). They’re just starting to roll it out now.

- Gifted & Talented: Testing is happening now and will be completed by November 15th. Services for newly identified students will begin in January. Stephen Meyer asked about the percentage of students identified as GT at Kiker. In grades 2-5, there are about 30-40 kids per grade level identified as GT. It's a fairly high percentage at our campus. There is an AISD "Advanced Academics Night" info session on November 12. Cory Lago wanted to make sure that information about advanced academics is shared with all students, not just those labeled GT. Lily Tu asked about GT being difficult for teachers to differentiate for because they have such a wide range of learners. Ms. Abrams talked about the benefits of classrooms made of mixed ability learners. Ms. Abrams would love it if the campus could better utilize FIT time for differentiated GT instruction along with dyslexia, etc support.
- Attendance Initiative: Since the Covid pandemic, the district Average Daily Attendance rate (ADA) has gone down 3%. The district is starting to incentivize campuses for attendance. Each campus will receive an improvement plan for their ADA. If the district increases attendance overall, campuses can receive distributions based on their campus improvement. Cory Lago asked about the AISD calendar voting process and how families can make an educated decision about all the pros and cons of each calendar option. She asked if Ms. Abrams might be able to share more facts about attendance consequences/incentives and calendar options.
- Parent/Family Engagement: We just finished fall parent conferences and fall class activities. Fall Festival is on November 10. We will continue sending weekly Comet Connections newsletter.

6. **PTA Report:** Cecilia Cavazos shared updates on several topics:

- APEX raised \$110,768.00 grand total and we get to keep about 70% of that.
- November 5 Spirit Night at Mangieri's
- November 7 Spirit Night at Art Garage
- November 10 from 2-5pm Kiker Fall Festival. There will be a soft opening for our sensory sensitive population.
- November 11 at 8:45am Veteran's Day Reception
- November 20 at 5pm first General Membership Meeting for PTA

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cecilia Cavazos and seconded by Lily Tu. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Submitted by Adrienne Huebner, CAC member.