

**Kiker Elementary Campus Advisory Council (CAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes - Monday, October 7, 2024**  
**Kiker Library, 3:30 pm**

**Present:**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Carrie Abrams, Principal  
Alma Chapa Moore

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

Abbey Raymond  
Anmarie Bochev  
Ashley Cross  
Carolyn McKaskle  
Eileen Vasquez  
Ginny Monger  
Pooja Mulgaonker  
Virginia Nabers

**PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Cory Lago  
Ellen Thelen  
Les Trobman  
Marissa Streyle  
Sharon Haywood  
Stephen Meyer

**PTA REPRESENTATIVE**

**BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE**

Ian Grossman

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Warren Faulkner

**GUESTS**

**NOT PRESENT**

Danielle Becka  
Lily Tu  
Cecilia Cavazos  
Kelly Zilem  
Kim Reiman  
Adrienne Huebner

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 Member Roles and Responsibilities. Training material can be viewed at [www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cac/resources](http://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/cac/resources).
3. **Citizens Communications:** There were no citizen communications.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from September 2024 were approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ellen Thelen and seconded by Melody Janak.
5. **Principal's Report:** Carrie Abrams shared information about several topics, beginning by reminding CAC of the big rocks: Working towards 80% of our students achieving at or above grade level on their Map test; Improving staff climate and culture; and family engagement.
  - Campus Improvement Plan (CIP): The CIP was created by Mrs. Matheny before departing Kiker, and Mrs. Abrams has been able to make some adjustments. In the future she may take a different approach to preparing and reviewing the CIP incorporating greater involvement from the CAC. As student test data becomes available, such as the STAAR test scores, it will be incorporated into the CIP. Mrs. Abrams reviewed the goals with the CAC: Moving students from the “meets” level in STAAR testing to “masters”, Culture and Campus Climate, and Early Literacy.
    - Moving students from the “meets” level in STAAR testing to “masters”
      - Most Kiker students are at the “approaching” level
      - STARR measures if students are college and career ready
      - Goal is to move more students from “meets to “masters”
      - One of the multiple ways in which this is done is by working with teachers on their approach to teaching the standards for each week and targeting activities in FIT time for each student.
    - Culture and Climate

- PTA contributes a great deal to achieving the culture and climate goals.
- Admin team hosts events and activities as well, typically monthly.
- Daily interactions are an important aspect of the goal as well.
- Early literacy (grades k, 1, and 2)
  - Important goal for the entire district to strengthen literacy
  - Using research based strategies to improve literacy particularly in the students at “below grade” level

Lily Tu submitted detailed questions via email on the CIP and Sharon Haywood raised several questions during the meeting. Mrs. Abrams offered to meet with both CAC members to discuss their questions. Committee members asked to hear back on the meeting. A decision was not taken by the CAC to approve the CIP.

- Staffing update: Kiker reduced the first grade classes from five to four because classes were below 22 students, the TEA threshold for class size. One class was divided and the teacher moved to another school. The transition went smoothly and the entire first grade team managed it very well.
- Data update:
- Security Officer update: Sergeant Manor is housed at Kiker in a portable building though he patrols AISD southwest elementary campuses. He’s a celebrity around Kiker and hopes to do lunch with students and interact with them more as time allows. Principal Abrams reminded CAC about the new AISD system VOLY which is the platform used to perform background checks on school volunteers. If you will be helping at school, registration on VOLY must be completed.
- Grounds update: Memorial has been completed for Isabella Cantu, the kindergarten student who passed away last school year. Work is underway on a memorial garden for the front of the building.
- Shout-outs: Received 37 to 45 teacher and staff shoutouts which are shared through the staff newsletter.

6. **PTA Report:** Melody Janak gave the report on behalf of Cecilia Cavazos. PTA carried out a successful membership drive, 46% of students are represented. XX of staff are represented.

- Apex Fundraiser: The Apex fundraiser will begin shortly. Fifth grade will not participate in the Fun Run because they will be attending Camp Allen. They will instead have a paint battle.
- Spirit Night: Spirit Night at Cabo Bob’s will be on October 16. Kiker will receive 30% of sales that night.
- Fall Festival: Fall festival will be November 10 Sunday 2-5pm. It will begin with a quiet sensory hour from 2 to 3pm.
- PTA Meeting: The first PTA meeting is November 20 from 5 to 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Warren Faulkner and seconded by Annmarie Bochey. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.**

Submitted by Marissa Streyle, CAC member.