

Stober Elementary
PIE Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Attendance: Anne DiCola, Patty Navarez, Sarah Snow, Rachael LeVett, Alise Scheuermann, Mari Wolfe, Sara Galloway, Alison Casaleggio, Sara Ewing, Nicole Poleschook, Chelsey Bunker, Kelly Shea, Nikki Joseph, Mary Catherine Martinez

Welcome and Agenda:

- Introductions, recorder, time-keeper
- Celebrations

District Accountability Training:

Anne DiCola and Sarah Snow attended the District Accountability Training last week. It is a state law that the accountability committees meet/train every year. It was good they met with the local area people about all the upcoming school closures.

Start of the year Update:

- **Enrollment:** We are at 232 but were budgeted for 241. We get money per pupil; therefore, we will have to pay back the district the shortfall, which is about \$54,000. This is one of the reasons for a 3rd/4th split grade classroom.
- **New Staff:**
 - Sara Gibson, DTL – 2 ½ days per week. The district gave us money to have a part-time DTL due to us being a smaller school and a small budget so that the smaller schools can have these vital resources across all schools.
 - Halle Edwards – Speech Language Therapist .4 hrs. Halle is here Tuesdays and Thursdays. Christa Guyer will be here one day a week. Christa is a Speech Language Therapist Assistant.
 - Two open positions: ESL Tutor and a SPED Para. The SPED Para position is 6 hours per day.

School Procedure Reminders:

- **Hug-n-go:** The Hug-n-Go is a moving lane on the curbside. Children should be let out on the curbside for safety reasons. This is a safety priority. Parents must remain with their car and not park and leave the car. This is a moving lane to keep the traffic flowing so that Urban is not backed up. We need to be thoughtful of the residents in the area.
- **Front Door Vestibule:** Please ring the door in order for the office staff to let you in. The vestibule is an extra safety feature.
- **Office/Classroom Communications:** Anne sends out a weekly messenger, Friday's at 5:00 p.m. Parents should be receiving communications from their child's teacher at least weekly or every other week.
- **Sign-in Procedures:** Everyone who is visiting will need to sign in. This is for safety reasons and to make sure everyone is accounted for if there is an emergency.

Closure/Consolidation Information:

- **Why?** Due to the declining enrollment, which is not new, the district has to close some smaller schools. The district has defined a thriving student/staff experience. Those things include; at least one class per grade level, consistent planning time, full-time support with an instructional coach, DTL, AMP., Etc.
- **Criteria for Closure:** On August 15 schools that had less than 220 students and or utilizing only 45% or less of the building and less than 3.5 miles from another Elementary school.
- **Recommendations:** To close Vivian Classical Academy giving the families the option to come to Stober. Vivian's DHH program to be moved to Maple Grove, because they already have a DHH program there. This could put Stober's enrollment at 291-339 without accepting choice enrollment. This is only a best guess range. Stober did not meet the criteria because of the enrollment and the utilization of the building is at 86%. The district is in the process of planning for a 4-classroom addition

plus a music room and will push to have it done as soon as possible. Stober may have to use the temporary buildings as classrooms until the addition is complete.

- **November 10th the School Board Votes on the 16 school closure package.** All schools listed for closure will have the opportunity to speak to the School Board starting October 24th-27th. Community meetings have already started. There is a Policy FCB regarding school closures and FCB committees are being formed. Anne has asked a couple of parents already if they would be on the committee, a timeline is still to be decided.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

PIE Meeting Dates: October 12, November 9, February 8, March 8, April 12