

# CAC Agenda Baldwin Elementary

March 4, 2024

Members Present: Jennifer Murray (principal), Alex Hassett (Assistant Principal), Laura Hall (3rd Grade), Kylie Schantz (5th Grade), Katie Mobley (SPED), Smita Balaganar(Parent), Ali Morrison (2nd), Christine Bradley (Parent), Kristen Hudgens (PTA President), Kelley Hively (Librarian), Cristina Crabtree (Parent), Gabrielle James (Parent), Waliya Lari (Parent)

1. Approve minutes from the last meeting
  - a. Kelley Hively approved the minutes from last month
2. Staffing Allocation Update
  - a. We have been given another PreK 4 allocation
    - i. Helped us to keep 2 APs and 2 Counselors
    - ii. Need to keep enrollment up next year so we aren't in the same situation
  - b. At this time we are not getting a PreK 3 allotment due to a lack of interest
    - i. Will revisit for 2025-2026
  - c. Moving forward with interviews although we do not have official spots as we wait for people to officially resign
    - i. PreK and Special Education positions are open for us to fill
3. APEX Update
  - a. We are currently at about \$75,000 gross and are \$9,000 ahead of last year
  - b. Links have been sent out a lot more than last year
  - c. There will be an admin challenge involving water for a final push
  - d. This year's team has been a lot more energized and visible
  - e. Some parents are upset that it is for funding for the interventionist as they feel it only benefits a small portion of the population
    - i. The interventionist helps our school's rating as our rating increases when all students do well
      1. Disproportionate impact on rating if we don't have an interventionist for early intervention
4. Volunteer Breakfast
  - a. April 5th at 7:45 AM
  - b. If attending CAC, you are invited to attend
5. Budget Review
  - a. CAC no longer has to approve the budget but will still share it
  - b. One thing that we would like to add is money for a new SEL curriculum as our current curriculum, 2nd Step, is very old
    - i. Counselors are looking into potential new curriculum
      1. Updated 2nd Step
        - a. K-5th is \$3,500
        - b. PreK is \$1,500
        - c. No annual fee
        - d. Mobley shared she used the updated 2nd Step previously and felt it was beneficial for all students
      2. Character Strong

- a. Yearly fee of \$2,000
    - b. Tiered supports and supplemental resources
  - 3. CAC agreed that investing in new SEL curriculum is a good idea
  - 4. District does not have plans to fund a new curriculum
- 6. After-school care update
  - a. We have had CDC at Baldwin since school opened and have a wonderful relationship with them
    - i. They have provided a cafeteria monitor (last 2 years)
    - ii. They have about 100 students currently in after-school care
    - iii. We do not make any money off Baldwin Crew since they are a nonprofit
      - 1. They pay electricity and custodians
    - iv. There is an advantage of people who have littles in PreK at CDC as they get a discount at Baldwin Crew
  - b. AISD (Third Base) has reached out wanting to expand to Baldwin as it is now a mandatory Austin ISD programming
    - i. They are trying to start next school year which may displace Baldwin Crew
    - ii. We are slated for the second phase of implementation, which will begin next year
- 7. Gifted and Talented program
  - a. Right now we have 115 students who get pull-out GT services
  - b. Discussion about the use of funds to support a library aide
    - i. We have no money in our savings anymore
    - ii. This year we took money from different funds to get enough money for interventionists, which may not be an option next year
    - iii. How can we best support our GT population?
  - c. Right now the 8 GT groups meet with Hively for an hour each week while the aide runs the library
    - i. GT may have to look different to sustain it
    - ii. Possibly get parents to volunteer with GT students
  - d. GT pull-out is not an AISD requirement, but a Baldwin initiative
    - i. Research shows that GT students benefit from time spent together thinking
    - ii. There is no funding from the district
    - iii. Pull out program was started when we got a librarian aid
  - e. The idea was suggested to use Destination Imagination as the GT program
  - f. Admin proposed scheduling a GT Meeting to discuss GT Changes
- 8. New business
  - a. Community watch party for the Eclipse is coming up in April
    - i. Do not have enough glasses for parents so bring your own glasses
    - ii. Must be on time, as the office will be closed
  - b. The planetarium will be the week before and cover the eclipse for the older grades and Sun, Earth, Moon for lower grades

- c. Need to update how we are communicating fifth-grade news as parents find some of the information hard to navigate

Next meeting April 8, 2024