



# PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MRS. WANDA SLOAN, PRESIDENT  
MRS. PHEIELA CALAMITY, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MRS. GLENDA FULLER, SECRETARY

February 09, 2021 @ 5:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting Minutes

**Call meeting to Order:** at 5:40 PM by WSloan

**Roll Call** done by GFuller

- WSloan present; PCalamity absent; GFuller present
- 2 officers 2 parents quorum.

## **Adoption of Agenda:**

- Motion by GFuller to approve agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by WSloan; Vote 5/0/6.
- Motion Carries

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

a. Approval of Minutes from Regular PAC Meeting January 12, 2021

- Minutes read by GFuller
- Motion by GFuller for approval as read/2<sup>nd</sup> by WSloan; Vote: 3/0/8
- Motion Carries

## **Reports:**

b. Interim Superintendent – Mrs. Melanie Dewakuku

- *Preparing for school reauthorization in June of 2021, having weekly meetings with Department of Dine Education. Attending Chapter Meetings for resolution for reauthorization. Busy gathering data and paperwork.*
- *Preparing for the construction of the new school. Last visit to the school was in January of 2021, they did space analysis of the classrooms, dorms, and cafeteria.*
- *At the beginning stages of next school years calendar. When done will get with PAC, which might have to be a special meeting so that the calendar will be shared with the parents. There maybe 3 options.*
- *Department of Dine Education has recommended that schools continue with distance/virtual learning.*
- *Buses will start passing out lunches and jump drives also picking up work from students again starting next week.*
- *Question was asked by a parent: If there will be an assistant on the bus with the bus driver.*
- *Mrs. Dewakuku stated that only the bus driver will be on the bus. That the bus drivers preferred it that way.*
- *Question was asked: Why the bus drivers only stay at the bus stop for only 15 minutes? That is not enough time to download and do work.*



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- *Mrs. Haviland answered the question. There was a new schedule that went out to parents last month, with bus drivers staying at their bus stops for an hour per stop. Bus drivers also stated that no one comes out to the stops to use the Wi-Fi.*
- c. K8 Interim Elementary Principal – Mrs. Marlita Haviland
  - *Important Dates:*
    - *02/10 & 02/24, 2021 late start*
    - *President Day Holiday February 15, 2021*
    - *Late Start 03/10 & 3/24, 2021*
    - *Spring Break – March 15 to March 19, 2021*
    - *Parent Teacher Conference – March 8 – 12, 2021*
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> quarter started February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Will have 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter work open for one more week. Please parents help your children to get any work in for second quarter.*
  - *Buses will start delivering food, jump drive and picking up work starting next week.*
  - *Navajo Nation Board of Education requires that all schools located on the Navajo Nation, provide only virtual or online learning no face to face learning this semester.*

## **New Business:**

- d. In-person Testing – Presented by Evereta Thinn
  - *Last school year United States Department of Education approved a test wavier which no state assessments were given or required. This year with the transition of the new administration it is uncertain if there will be a no test wavier. At present there is an interim Secretary of Education.*
  - *With distance learning there are still test that is required to be taken by the students. There is funding that we get from the Federal Government that requires 95% of the students to test, which the students cannot take at home.*
  - *There are 3 assessments that need to take in-person. There will be 1 test administrator, so there is less interaction. Previous year the students took the PARCC assessment, no longer taken this assessment due to contract ending with BIE. There will be a Weekly Parent Form in the coming weeks regarding the in-person testing.*
    - *WIDA Assessment March 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021*
      - *In person test, 4 test sessions; listening, reading, writing, and speaking. 33 ELL students in grades 1 – 8.*



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- *New Mexico – ASR May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021*
  - *In-person computer test, previous known as the AIMS Science Test. For 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Timed test students will be given 150 minutes.*
- *BIE ELA and Math Assessment May 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021*
  - *In-person computer test, used to be the PARCC test, timed test. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students tested. 2 sessions for ELA and 3 sessions for Math.*

## e. Budgets – Mrs. Dewakuku

- *Have not finalized the budget yet, more funding was received. Budget has not been approved by BIE. Do not want to present parents with incomplete budget report. PAC could call for a special meeting to present budget with it is complete.*

## f. Grants - Amber Yazzie

- *Title 6 – Indian Education – funding depends on the enrollment of students.*
- *Year 1 application – Open to apply*
- *Need to do a parent forum for input from parents and students.*

## Comments/Questions:

- *Was there any title money that was used? 21<sup>st</sup> century?*
- *No funding monies were used this year due to the pandemic.*

## Suggestion for next PAC Meeting Agenda:

- ***Possible Special Meeting for School Year Calendar and Budget.***

**Next Regular PAC Meeting:** March 09, 2021 @ 5:30 PM – Zoom Meeting

## Adjournment:

- *Motion by GFuller for adjournment/2<sup>nd</sup> by WSloan*
- *Vote: 6/0/4*
- *Motion carries adjourned at 6:59 PM*

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Secretary: Mrs. Glenda Fuller

SPS K8 Interim Elementary Principal: Mrs. Haviland

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