

Bristow Run Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Attendees

Erinn Mulligan
Jessica Kilpatrick
James Johnson
Rhonda Jeck
Angelita Gamble
Megan Foelsch
Susie Adib
Kathrin Goodman
Tommy Cureton
Kate Danziger
Tiffinni Hargrave
Tania Flores
Gary Shivers
Amanda Scholl

Call to Order

6:05 pm Call to order by Erinn

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

- Jessica noted the date said 2023. Gary noted that the gifted program no longer used the name "START" instead of the written "SMART". Gary Shivers motioned to approve, Tiffinni Hargrave seconded.

Citizens' Time

- Gary Shivers: Is the fence fixed yet?
Answer is no. Tommy Cureton took note.

SCA

- We haven't had a lot of meetings in February but we are working on planning for Multicultural Night. Tommy suggested providing a world map that students and parents can put tacks in to show where everyone is originally from.

Principals Time

- This is the time of year we start talking about next year and discussing staffing changes. Mrs. Heltbridle from 1st grade is retiring this year, though she will be back as a tutor next year. We are not replacing Mrs. Hiltbridle because our enrollment in the current Kindergarten class is quite small, so we don't need four full classes. Colleen Bagyon, one of our autism teachers, is moving away.

- We are in the middle of our Boosterathon which is doing great.
- School newsletter goes out Friday.
- School class pictures are next week.
- The parent survey that our CIP data is built around is going out April 1 and will close April 19th. It's really important to have parents submit answers to the survey, we'd love to have at least 50% of parents respond.
- Tania is going to start having coffee sessions with parents to discuss aspects about the school. The first meeting is going to be about ParentVue and how much it can be utilized. That meeting is Thursday, March 14 at 10:30am. If attendance is low they will consider an evening session.
- CIP presentation from Mrs. Jeck and Ms. Gamble.
- Instead of reviewing the parent handbook, we can submit our notes to Erinn that can be compiled and we can have a planning session outside of BRAC to discuss the suggestions.

Committee Updates

- SACI: Reviewed some highlights from the last meeting which discussed the proposed budget for 2025.
 - o We are the second largest school system in VA with over 92,000 students.
 - o There are 170 home languages spoken.
 - o Enrollment is projected to decrease in the county, mostly because of some people moving out of the area because of housing costs, and a lot of people moving further out because they are working from home.
 - o Overall budget is \$1.78 billion dollars.
- PTO: March 13 is a fundraiser at Crumbl Cookie (the one by TJMaxx) from 3-6pm. The Boosterathon is also March 13. SEP classes began today. Spring Festival is Friday, April 19. The Silent Auction is being pushed to May, and sponsors are needed. Bristow Run raised \$19k for the American Heart Association.

Adjournment

- Gary Shivers motioned to adjourn at 7:17 pm, seconded by Amanda Scholl.