

Liberty Tree Academy

School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024, 4:30pm

Call to Order at 4:33pm

Roll Call:

Chairperson Mrs. Hoffmann, Parent Heather Althouse, Parent Sarada Connors, Parent Tarah Leigh Lewis, Teacher Miss Droneburg, Staff Mrs. Tavernier, Staff Miss. Miller, Staff Ms. Eltagonde, Staff Ms. Summers

New Business:

- A. DAAC: 3 people were present to talk about what was coming. Our school was chosen to do social studies. Grades 4-7 will do social studies for CMAS. We were chosen to pilot, still pencil to paper. A gentleman talked about college and career, different campuses, concurrent enrollment, and an early pathway for college courses to earn associates. One school started an automotive program and received grants. Peter Hiltz talked about budget, October count info, and loss in student enrollment like most districts are experiencing; more students are doing online schooling. It affects our budget. He has no concerns with our spending as a school. Numbers are projected to decline over the next 5 years. He talked about the importance of charter schools to the district and how they help with keeping numbers up.
- B. UIP update: Ms. Summers; we are waiting to hear back from the district and state. Working through the students struggling with math. Using tools to help keep up with progress. Nothing else needs to be done with this until next year, we are all caught up. We will keep up with our goals of math growth for all students.
- C. Budget: Miss Miller: The proposed budget went to the board today; they will renew it by 11/15/24 and adopt it by 11/21/24. We have reserves to pull from if needed, using MLO funds for salaries, security & safety, and concurrent enrollment. Some staff members are getting additional funds for taking on extra work.
- D. MTSS: Ms. Eltagonde: we are getting off to a great start, it's working well with lower school and uses the word "seamless." They are meeting monthly, working with all students, not just the slower students. Upper school is testing well and retaining well, including new students. She made some updates to the progress

monitor tools. Used data info to help, teachers also gave a lot of feedback and info. Ms. Eltagonde explained to the SAAC how Tier 1 (whole group), Tier 2 (small group), and Tier 3 work and how the MTSS team looks at fundamental info for this process.

Open issues: New members: We are still hoping for the newsletter, but it is on hold for now. If you know of anyone who is interested, send it to Mrs. Hoffmann, she will include them in the email. No. Note that SAAC is an advisory committee, not a group that changes the format of the school.

School wish list: submit to the principal, and the principal decides. It is time to start talking about it so we can send it to the district. Due in Feb 2025, present in Mar 2025. Last year's items: teacher budget, safety & security, armed security officer, cameras on the playground, upper school desks, upper school computers, and swipe key cards for added security. This year's item ideas: teacher raises, a gate around the turf, bigger whiteboards, and projector locations moved in some classrooms (lower school), more cameras, and outside cameras. If anyone thinks of other items, please email them to Mrs. Hoffmann.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, may move this date to later in the week, stay tuned via email from Mrs. Hoffmann.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:07pm