

Parent Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) Meeting Report February 2020

The PCAC met on January 22nd. Two members came. The purpose of the committee as an advisory for me and the board was explained. They were presented the testing data as well as other collected data during the meeting. The members were very concerned about the academic scores of our students. They made several suggestions.

First, they suggested we go over the Report Card to the Public with the High School Students. They wondered if the students had approached the past test with little concern and effort. They felt if students knew it was reported and impacted the way people perceived our school it might change their approach to the test.

They also suggested that the required School Improvement Plan (SIP) focuses on reading academics. To that end using the money from the School Improvement Grant for the staff to attend the RTI conference in FY2021 and the rest of the money being directed to partially fund a full time certified teacher position. This person would be a reading specialist and instructional coach. They would spend part of their time working with students on interventions and the other part of their time working with teachers to help improve classroom instruction.

Lastly, they suggested that the school board look at the amount of time in the school day. They encouraged the board to explore ways to increase the amount of time spent on academics. Currently, with our hours being from 9-3 (six hours per day) when you take out lunch, recess, PE times elementary students are effectively getting about 4 hours of academic instruction each day.