

Canongate Elementary Principal's Advisory Council

September 28, 2016

The Canongate Elementary School PAC met for their first regular session of the 2016-2017 school year on Wednesday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the media center.

- Welcome- Ms. Dean welcomed all of the members of the PAC to the first meeting as everyone was in attendance for this “working lunch” meeting and an agenda for the meeting was given.
- Review the Purpose and Mission of the Council- Ms. Dean shared the mission of the PAC: “Developing Student Leaders who are Committed to Maintaining Success”
- Introduction of Members-One by one, each PAC member was given the opportunity to share their name, grade and teacher’s name along with something about themselves with the entire group.
- Discuss Roles & Responsibilities of the Council- A copy of the Roles and Responsibilities were given to each member and discussed.
- Advocates- The PAC discussed what an Advocate is and each member said that they have an advocate in their life.
- Discussion of Canongate’s Strengths and Weaknesses- The students generated a list of Canongate’s strengths and weaknesses and made suggestions for improvements:

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teachers--they are good at teaching; they are all different; they use good activities; they are nice/someone you can talk to; they are good advocates; they push you to do well • The Principal—she’s responsible; nice and kind; disciplines well; takes her job seriously; shows diligence; independent; smells good • We get lots of exercise here—Pacer Test; recess; PE Classes; Pawsitively Fit Club; Track • Good Food in the cafeteria • Media Center--Books are good; well stocked; good meeting place • We have privileges like Chromebooks • The AR Program—encourages you to read books, get more points, and be better readers • The kids are nice and respectful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Vending Machines for students • Some books need to be updated (in the media center) • Track needs to be updated • We need a basketball court • Need equipment on/around the track • Some kids are not respectful during programs in the gym or when teachers are trying to talk/teach • We would like to have a choice of water or milk at lunch and a salad bar in the cafeteria • Need carpet in some classrooms • The cafeteria is too loud • Make the stalls in the bathrooms taller so people can’t see over them when they stand on the toilets

- GMAS Scores- Ms. Robinson reviewed the Spring 2016 GMAS results for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. She also reminded the PAC about the 4 different levels of performance and reiterated that we really want to see the majority of our students scoring in the Proficient and Distinguished categories.
- Discussion of Chromebooks & Usage- Everyone on the PAC agreed that they liked having the Chromebooks. One student reported that a couple of 4th graders had already lost privileges due to not following the Chromebooks rules. Some ways to ensure that you don’t lose privileges were then discussed among the group. Another student shared

that she helps her teacher with the assignments on Google Classroom and the students were reminded that this is a learning process for all of us...students, parents and teachers!

- Safety Discussion & Tour- Ms. Robinson talked about the importance of safety and that it is our #1 Priority here at Canongate! She showed the PAC her employee ID badge and reminded them that badges are worn by all staff and visitors in the building. She then led the group on a safety tour through the building while discussing safety items like the security cameras and locked doors.
- Next meeting date for the PAC- The next PAC meeting is TBD, but will take place prior to Christmas Break.
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