# Sullivan Middle School

# School lmprovement Council

# Meeting NOTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 5:30 – 6:30 pm [Zoom Meeting Link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eQbVbHu3ZutAKLka0aIUZ93o3Z3pWEnp/view?usp=sharing)

Members present: Kelly Scott (parent), Dr. Juan Roldan (Principal), Darlene Del Vecchio (Teacher), Mary Ann Kennedy (parent), Holly Stuart (teacher), Shanna Hannibal (Asst Principal), Gwendolyn Lindsey(Asst Principal), Julia Beaty (CFEC liaison), Leigh Ann Estes (parent), and Hollie Yi (parent)

Mrs. Kelly Scott called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Dr. Roldan mentioned that because of a rather long faculty meeting today, his faculty were excused from tonight’s meeting.

First order of business was to approve the last month’s meeting notes in February 2021.

**Principal Report:** Dr. Roldan began with preparations are being made for next school change, which is March 22, all students (except those in Virtual Academy) will report to school all five days a week and resume regular scheduling with Covid safety precautions in place.Next, he discussed that the school and staff continue to work toward really important goals and he would like to update us on that status. Around 600 students will be attending f2f. Athletics spring sports, track and softball season are beginning with very low numbers of players on team. Dr. Roldan shared his mid-year report with accomplishments and successes during this unprecedented and difficult year. A collective positive synergy is on the campus.

* Focus One Goal-We are one of the top Middle School in the district with 100% compliance in Safe schools training and for the first time in many years for Sullivan and over 995 assignments completed.
* The entire faculty completed a Book Study “Closing the Attitude Gap”. Staff completed Customer Service book study called Be Our Guest – customer service oriented.
* Fall Semester PD tools have helped our school to be ahead in successful online teaching and learning. Our faculty feel more prepared because we began training last year.
* As a Priority School, we have 3 goals. One is teacher contentment, under Teacher-Administrator Quality. So far, with an internal climate survey, ou78r teacher satisfaction is 78%. Another climate survey will be conducted later this spring. Goal is to increase to 86% by 2022.
* When asked about satisfaction with social and physical environment is 88% (in covid!)
* When asked about teachers feeling recognized and appreciated for good work, 91%, this is new high for Sullivan history.
* When asked if teachers feel safe at school, there was 100% affirmative response.(again covid!)
* Also related to Priority goals and our transformation journey, is Academic Achievement. Right now AA is measured through MAPs and SCReady. We need to get out of the bottom, high percentage that does not meet to meets or exceeds. Since 2014, we have had 50% of population below the meeting growth level(with exception of 2015-16)
* With the global pandemic, every school’s students experienced “covid slide”. Our school had the most in math. We have since caught up those students and they are now growing rather than below. This is a testament to the faculty and staff working hard.
* In ELA, Reading has also had increases in all grades based on Winter MAPs scores.
* Some students’ growth was 4-10 points. This is a great growth and improvement for our students especially in such a difficult year.
* Mid year review as a school was last week, and the district was impressed with the growth and positive strides being made at Sullivan this year. A shout out to the staff, students, faculty and SIC for these accomplishments.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parent Perspective Survey Results** (Next Steps) are in:

Principal Roldan then talked about how beneficial to everyone that we have the results and now know some things that can be worked on and improved in the coming year.

Mrs. Del Vecchio shared these details with us:

* Communication with parents
  + How to set up canvas accounts and use them as parent observers
    - Flyers/social media
    - Webinars/videos
    - Phone tutorials
* Sullivan Website
  + Teacher bios/links to canvas and teacher videos w intro of them
  + Student handbook-updated
* Introduce to parents different ways to communicate with teachers so they can use them
  + Canvas messages
  + Email/phone is up to date
  + Grade level Remind
  + QR codes with links to FB pages
* Highlight diversity events/lessons
  + Invite families to share their cultures with school
  + Multi-cultural fair- families cooking and holidays
* Communication regarding student academic growth
  + MAP growth data share out
  + IXL reports
  + Mastery Connect

After Darlene’s report, Kelly asked how can the SIC help with these next steps above?

Darlene’s response was that it would be helpful to have informed, engaged parents who can teach the other parents. This can be a goal for future SIC meetings.

**Report to the Parents:** Kelly reminded everyone we will begin on this that is usually due around April 30th. Kelly explained that the Report to the Parents is a way for us to “tell our story” and highlight students and school this year. Kelly asked for volunteers to help. Laura Lawson, Mary Ann Kennedy, and Hollie Yi and Dr. Roldan and Mrs. Del Vecchio will also help out with this.

**Health & Wellness** (Partnership with NAMI) May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We hope to designate a day and call it “Go Lime Green, Mental Health Matters” and students/staff wear lime green colored shirts, ribbons, and stickers.

Yard signs will be put out in pickup line. Videos can be shown and activities may happen. Mona Letigio, Hollie Yi and Julia Beaty (CFEC rep) volunteered to help out with this planning. Also, during the month we will post promotion in our FF about mental health awareness.

**Riley Award for SIC Excellence**: We should know this Friday, March 19th if we placed for the Riley Award this year in the top five.

**Nomination and Election SIC:** Nomination link is on our website and advertising has been done for a few weeks. Nominations will be March 19th to 26th. Elections in April.

**Partnership with Oakland Baptist Church:** Nothing for this committee.

**Partnership with Winthrop:** Nothing.

**Partnership with CFEC:** Julia Beaty announced that CFEC has a relationship with the Regional based diversity and equity resource center and offered this to us to use by our school and staff. It’s the Regional Equity Center (Federal Government).

**Open Floor/Comments/Questions:** Mona asked if we know about virtual opportunities next year and if VA students will still be attached to a home school. Dr. Roldan said there will be VA next year but in very low numbers. And students will need to be attached to a school.

In addition, the Principal noted that most staff and faculty have had at least one vaccination dose.

The next meeting date was set for April 20, 2021 at 5:30 by Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.