

**Winn December CAC Meeting**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**4:30 - 5:30**

In attendance: Ms. Bramley, Nadia Khan, Suzie Kabat, Stacie Hervey, Mr. Jorge, Dr. Gutierrez, Ms. Daily, Eden Santos, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Lupe, Ms. Meacham, Larry Garcia, Kimberly Johnson, Ms. Blessum (14)

4:35 Ms. Bramley called the meeting to order. She shared that there were no citizen communication requests.

4:36 Ms. Bramley began to review the CIP and share updates. Restorative practices have been completed. Staff has received updates on using restorative practices for staff. Operation Reconnect meetings have been happening monthly. We will have a CATCH night in the spring. There will be conversations regarding healthy food choices during PE and during morning announcements. Back to school night for remote students next week. Back to school night for in-person students happened in September. Information regarding Customer Service has been shared with staff and Mr. Garcia will be sending out a survey for staff and families to complete. Ms. Johnson asked a question about current enrollment and what the expectation is for the end of the school year. She asked what CATCH stood for and Ms. Bramley shared - Coordinated Approach To Child Health. We will have a Black History Month in February. Ms. Blessum shared that one of the reasons why we have had to make changes to our CIP due to the pandemic and had originally planned to have more in-person events. Ms. Johnson asked which schools are in our vertical team. (Hart, Graham, Pickle, Barrington, Walnut Creek are the Elementary schools.) She stressed the importance of contacting her or any of the campus leaders regarding questions or concerns about anything they are unsure about or would like information about. She mentioned the importance of building community by working together and directly with the campus. Ms. Blessum thanked Ms. Johnson for her questions and stated that the purpose of these meetings is to ask questions, share and brainstorm among the members. We are open to the idea of having more in person events, however, we will see what happens after the winter break with the pandemic. We will gradually work our way back to these events with a Children's Night. We will be looking for guidelines from the District. Ms. Kabat also wanted to ask about conducting Children's Night. Ms. Bramley asked if anyone had questions about any of the above information.

4:52 District maintenance will be coming to strip and redo the surface of the blacktop. The question was raised during a coffee chat and was followed up with conversations with the district. A contract was signed and the work will begin during the winter break. Ms. Blessum shared that this is the ideal way to make things happen at the school, by families bringing up concerns, they are addressed and the work is followed up with. A HR request has been made to hire a new PSS. She will be starting on January 4th, 2022.

4:55 Ms. Bramley shared information about the HB 4545 and how that is affecting the students who did not take or pass the spring 2021 STAAR test. We will have MAP MOY assessments in January. Short cycle assessments will be held. Depending on the pandemic, meetings will be held in person starting in January. Our marquee was replaced and the office staff will be trained next week on the software to manage the marquee.

4:58 Ms. Bramley shared information about the Austin Public Library cards which will be going out to students next week. Book give away. Ms. Blessum shared about the Montessori school comparisons. We are facing some challenges with the STAAR test with having our 3rd grade students in the Lower Elementary classrooms. We are working on blending the STAAR requirements with Montessori lessons. There are some schools in Dallas that Ms. Blessum visited to see how other public Montessori schools are handling STAAR testing. We are being graded by the state of Texas because we are a public institution. Ms. Bramley searched for all of the public schools under TEA that are listed as Montessori. She shared the grades they received on STAAR testing. Most of them are magnet schools. Ms. Blessum wanted to share the demographics of these schools in comparison to Winn. All schools in AISD will be expected to score an A or a B with STAAR testing in the spring. Ms. Blessum shared that our campus is working as a very close united team to be able to make this happen for our students. She praised the Lower Elem team and their commitment to the program.

5:09 Ms. Lupe shared information about a meeting she and Ms. Blessum had on Tuesday with Mr. Overton and Ms. Shubitz for the African-American Dual Language Committee. A meeting will be held in January with the families who chose to have their students participate in a dual language program and to reach out to other families who are interested. Ms. Hervey asked what the criteria was for the families who were contacted regarding the program. The families who were contacted were families of children in PreK, Kinder and 1st grade. Out of the 44 families, 4 students were placed into the dual language program. The program is set up as a 90/10% Spanish to English program, so the classes are primarily in Spanish. Out of the 4 children participating, two of the students refused to participate and did not want to change their classrooms. Due to the reaction of these students, they were not placed and may try again for the 2022-2023 school year. There is one child still in the program. Ms. Lupe shared that children up to 1st grade may choose to participate in the dual language program. There were several questions regarding the dual language program from Ms. Johnson. Ms. Blessum and Ms. Lupe responded to the questions. In person tours are being held on Tuesdays for potential students. There are over 100 students on the list. There will be a virtual meeting for potential families next week.

5:21 Ms. Bramley shared the calendar of events for the remainder of the school year - one more week. School will end on December 17 and students will return to school on January 5, 2022. She also shared sites where families can learn more information about Winn: our website, Facebook, Twitter and clasdojo. She shared that she would send the links out to everyone.

5:25 Ms. Blessum thanked everyone for attending, for their grace during the challenging times we have had and welcomed everyone to contact the campus for any questions or concerns. She shared a happy holiday wish and said we would meet again as the CAC in January.