

Faiss Middle School

School Organizational Team Minutes

September 24, 2024 4:00pm

The Faiss Middle School, SOT meeting was called to order at 4:08pm on September 24, 2024.

Voting Members:

Michele Ward, Parent Chair - absent	Shannon McCormack, Teacher
Kara Nieland, Parent Secretary	Mike Tomorsky, Teacher
Stuart Sneddon, Parent	Nichole Gentry, Teacher
Tori Sadiki, parent	Staci Crosby, Teacher
Jeff Wells, parent	Monica Primm, Support Professional - absent
Roger West, Principal	Jason Newburg, Support Professional

Non-voting Members:

Sean McCormack, community member -absent
Serenity, representative student –absent, other StuCo students present

Faiss Middle School Administration:

Roger West, Principal	Amanda Skrogstad, Assistant Principal
Melissa Giannantonio, Assistant Principal	Joe Vespo, Assistant Principal
Shirley Cunningham, Assistant Principal	

Agenda Items

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

2.0 New Items

- 2.1 **Minutes.** Approval of the minutes from the August 2024 meeting Jeff motion to approve 2nd by Tori passed unanimously.
- 2.2 **School Updates.** Working on plans for a Campus “Beautification” day. Upcoming events include OctoberFaiss on the 18th and a Halloween dance on the 31st. SOT elections had 10 parents running for the 5 positions and the new members will be at the next meeting. Considering a school sponsored trip to DC in the spring. Flag football has started along with Cross country. The cheer team had try-outs and 20 students were selected. There will be PSAT testing on October 16th for the 8th graders. A third CSM will be starting sometime in October after training is completed. Best Buddies is possibly doing a Special Olympics with Sawyer.

3.0 General Discussion

3.1 School Plan of Operation This is a continuously adjusting document to keep making improvements to the school. The student goal of increasing Math and ELA scores is in a strong position and SBAC data is being reviewed. The adult learning goal has been changed to increase two-way communication with families hoping to drive student success further and hoping to make it a comfortable thing for parents to contact the school to support their students. The goal is to increase this from 11% to 80%. The last goal is to decrease chronic absenteeism from 17% to 15.7%. The second part of the School plan is the budget. The budget did not roll out like the district or schools thought it would this year with some schools having a short-fall likely due to the teacher salary raises. A worksheet was provided to go over. Some position changes were made to accommodate the budget shortage like not filling a couple positions that were already empty. There was also a change made to the tutoring service in that students have to sign up for it each day and it’s capped at 30 students. A Motion to approve the budget as written was moved by Stuart and 2nd by Jeff. Budget passed unanimously.

4.0 Information

4.1 **Next meeting October 14, 2024 at 4pm Faiss MS library**

5.0 **Public comment period (2 minutes maximum allotted) no comments**

6.0 **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned 5:27PM Motioned by Nichole 2nd by Jeff