

School Accountability (SAC) Meeting – Nevin Platt Middle School – 9/21/11

Time: 11:30-1

Facilitator: Dr. Kevin Gates – Principal

Attendees:

Jane Smolens (Platt SAC Chair), Natalie Portman-Marsh (DAC Rep for Platt), Janine Dunn (PTO President), Diane Mozley (DPC Rep), Meg Rosen and Sherry Sommer (Platt Parents), Patty Patterson (Platt School Counselor)

Topic: Review of CSAP Scores for 2011.

Highlights:

Data was presented that examined achievement, equity, and climate goals for both Traditional Platt and Platt Choice Middle Schools. We examined the overall data and the disaggregated data that separated information for Traditional and Platt Choice students. This was the first time that the data between the two schools was separated in this way. We looked at reading, writing and math scores in terms of growth scores as well as weighted indices.

Platt continues to perform well in all areas. Our growth scores remain high. Of particular accomplishment were our exceptionally high growth scores for students with special needs, ELL, and students on meal assistance.

Areas to improve:

There were dips in both Choice and Traditional 8th grade reading scores (with Choice having a greater dip this year). There was some discussion as to what the root cause could be. We also discussed the differences between the Traditional and Choice Programs and how this sometimes is reflected in CSAP test results.

This year every subject area has its own specific goal.

Social Studies – improving writing

Language Arts – expository writing/non-fiction writing

Math – examining a drop in Asian students performance

Science – tracking students who are partially proficient

We also discussed the Climate Survey that students take annually. We discussed student perception/interpretation of the survey questions and therefore pondered the accuracy/legitimacy of the results. We also discussed the limitations of the results when the results are combined with elementary, middle and high school levels. A couple of parents volunteered to try to access data specific to the middle school level to compare Platt's climate scores with comparable middle schools (Southern Hills and LMS in particular). Areas that need improvement for Platt Traditional involved student-teacher relationships. Areas that need improvement for Platt Choice involved more student to student relationships.

Our next SAC Meeting is scheduled for November 9th from 11:30-1pm

