

School Accountability (SAC) Meeting – Nevin Platt Middle School – 11/9/11
Time: 11:30-1pm
Facilitator: Dr. Kevin Gates – Principal

Attendees:

Jane Smolens (Platt SAC Chair), Janine Dunn (PTO President), Kim Green (DPLT)

Topic: Review of Unified Improvement Plan for 2011

Highlights:

We reviewed the Unified Improvement Plan and examined disaggregated data with respect to Platt and Platt Choice Programs. We examined achievement and climate scores as reflected by the 2011 CSAP. Platt continues to be a high performing middle school and has above average growth data in most areas. Platt has achieved annual yearly progress in all areas and on all 20 targets set by the state. We disaggregated the data trends for Special Populations and maintain high growth scores despite some fluctuation. Some of these special areas are not reportable for the Choice Program given the low numbers of special need students.

We discussed the importance of growth scores as opposed to only examining weight indices. While both provide helpful information about student/school performance, it is the growth scores that reflect individual student progress over time. Platt continues to be very strong in achieving high growth scores in most areas. Some of the data trends between Platt and Platt Choice reflect the differences between the two programs in terms of curriculum, philosophy and student population.

We reviewed the Action Plan in terms of SMART goals for 2012 and researched based strategies for 2012.

Our DAC Representative (Natalie Portman) submitted a list of questions for the SAC committee to examine:

- 1) Examining the achievement gaps for certain subgroups
- 2) Identifying the Root Cause and creating informed strategies
- 3) Narrowing Goals (quality over quantity)
- 4) What works among other BVSD Schools

As already discussed we spent quite a bit of time examining data for ELL, SPED and students who receive meal assistance.

With respect to Root Cause – the focus at Platt has been to take more responsibility and look for root causes that are within the school/faculty's control.

The Choice Program intends to prioritize their goals for the upcoming year.

More information could be gathered to find out successful strategies among other BVSD Schools.

If parents are interested in reviewing the Unified Improvement Plan for Platt Middle School, it will be made available on the BVSD website.

Our next SAC Meeting will be on January 11, 2012.