

FMS SITE Council

December 15, 2020

6:45 am

Responsibility completed

Information

Clarification needed

Present: Michael Meihak, Joel Young, Ellen Paulson, Kelly Zwagerman, Amy Canfield, Steve Franck, Deb Kittleson, Pam Kucera, Connie Hart, Pat Sexton

1.

Discussion Topic: YouTube Restrictions
Notes: a. According to 6th and 7th grade staff, a few students have restrictions. b. Causing problems for students to view videos that they need.
Proposed solution / proposed idea
Follow up Plan of Action & responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joel is the point person for this• Only a few students have their YouTube blocked at this time, parents know the limitations that this has on their students. They have to enter the code each time their student needs to view a video. This is understood by the parents.• No further action needed by teachers at this time

2. **Interventions for students who aren't engaging**

Discussion Topic: Interventions
Notes: a. What are the plans for students not responding to calls and messages? b. How are the elementary and high school dealing with this issue? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no truancy policy/follow through this year as directed by the State of MN• Ladder idea: teachers/paras are first level of connection, second level is guidance staff/RISE/Community Ed, third level would be admin intervention. We are to continue efforts at communication even after referral is made to the next level on the ladder.• Students mental health is the highest priority at this time. Let's be encouraging and offer to help them problem solve, find help if they need it.• Do not take disengagement as a reflection on you as a teacher or on your curriculum. Our students are experiencing depression, lack of energy, anxiety,

stressors at home, frustration with self, etc,etc. For many this is the first time they have felt this way and they do not know how to handle this situation. We need to extend grace.

- Counseling staff has had some success reaching out to older siblings of our students and having them help connect us with students.
- Teachers are encouraged to continue to modify assignments for students if needed
- We will continue to reach out on all levels with encouraging messages for our students. **Consider focus being on students well being and not solely on academics.**
- Other schools in the district are approaching “absent” students in the same way, continued encouraging messages, tiered approach,etc.
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Proposed solution / proposed idea:

Follow up Plan of Action & responsibilities:

- As a staff we should continue to reach out to students on all levels of the tiered approach.
- Be caring, encouraging.
- Refer any concerns about student well being to counseling staff.

3.

Discussion Topic: **Time of the meeting for Site Council**

Notes:

- a. During DL, do we want to change the time to 7:30?

Proposed solution / proposed idea:

Follow up Plan of Action & responsibilities:

Since we will be shifting between models it was decided to keep meeting times at 6:45.

4. **SITE Co. Goals--FOR SITE TEAM MEMBERS ONLY**

Discussion Topic: We have been asked to discuss ways to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of committees and staff leadership teams.

Notes: Please complete the survey attached. SITE CO, MEMBERS ONLY
<https://forms.gle/oFzPpiUPZUdXjYix6>

Proposed solution / proposed idea:

SITE Council members should complete this survey sometime this week

Follow up Plan of Action & responsibilities:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 6:45 a.m.