

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes November 5, 2020

In attendance: Trish Evens, Susan Zottola, Michele Napier, Ryan Thompson, Barret Sale, Amy Wels, Melanie Anderson, Mirinda Chatfield, Audra Myerchin, Jennifer McGowan, Renee Grant,

Guests: Lewis Norfleet, Janna Pike, Jeff Huston, Krista Debolt, Shauna Bland, Emily Suda, Kirk Kolb, Cassie Wilkins

Absent: Steve Monroe, Kristin Ryerson, Marian Szewc, Todd Neville, Chelsea Daughtery, Marielle Nelson

- Trish opened up the meeting asking for an approval of the October minutes. The minutes were approved.
- Trish introduced Janna Pike, PE teacher at Parkside Elementary School. Janna discussed what virtual PE at the elementary level looks like. She mentioned that students have PE synchronously twice a week. She shared some video examples of what the kids see and activities that they do.
- Jeff Huston shared how they are doing PE at the high school level. Jeff said that they are using Big Blue Button for their PE classes. He spoke about the priority of movement and the different activities and exercises they do to keep kids engaged and active, while also trying to have fun. Jeff said that since there is five teachers they each take a day to plan something different. He said the goal is to be creative while still helping students develop skills that will keep them healthy.
- Krista Debolt is the Orchestra teacher at GPHS and was present to share what music classes look like on a virtual level. She mentioned that they were taking advantage of the ability to team teach since there are currently no music classes at the elementary schools. She spoke about the programs that were purchased and how the students use them. Soundtrap is a program that is used to take the collaboration from all students and create music. Breezin Thru Theory is an online platform that teaches students music skills through lessons, drills and games.
- Lewis Norfleet is the new Band teacher at GPHS and he shared that they are using Smart Music for band students in D7. He said that although virtual teaching is not ideal, he has been able to offer meaningful instruction and connect with students on an individual level. He said he really likes the Smart Music program because it has features that help propel students on their musical journey as well as built in grading feature. Lewis said he really likes that there is access to a vast amount of music options. He said it helps motivate students and keep s them engaged. He said it has the ability to track along with each student and can explain the keys if they don't quite get it or forget the finger placement.
- Shauna Bland talked about what is going on in our College and Career Center. She said that it has been difficult to reach and connect with seniors this year as it is hard to ask them to do another zoom call, but that she has almost connected one on one with each one of them and that time has proven to be invaluable. She said her team is trying to help kids with their FAFSA applications and get that rolling. She gave kudos to her new assistant, Emily Suda, for getting the CCC website revamped and updated. Shauna said they are even starting to reach out to underclassmen to start the conversation of what they can do now to prep and plan for college.
- Susan gave an update on how GP Online is going at the elementary level. She said we currently have 306 students enrolled. She shared about the programs used for math and reading and that they are starting a new i-Ready program on Monday. Susan shared that Jamie Banister, Jordan Werner and Paul Williams are in the process of creating videos for GPO students to use for PE and music. They hope to have those done and ready to share with kids by November 30th.
- Trish gave an update on the county metrics and what that means for reopening schools and bringing students back on campus. She explained that our county case count has to be less than 50 cases for a two-week period and a case test positivity rate of less than 5%. She said there is a lot of planning and preparation that goes into bringing students back. Students have to be able to maintain a 35 sq ft distance from other students, there can't be cohorts of more than 100/week, as well as new safety and sanitizing protocols. Trish mentioned that since we started in CDL and we are so close to the end of the quarter that we will finish in CDL and try to bring students back Q2 in some sort of Hybrid model.
- Next meeting January 7, 2021 – Happy Holidays!!