

## Parent Advisory Council Minutes, May 3, 2018

**In attendance:** Carrie Bernhart, Trish Evens, Susan Zottola, Barret Sale, Ryan Thompson, Kerry Alderson, Jennifer Roberts, Beth Law, Andrea Burman, Kyndale Rhoades, Kelly Robinson, Kyra Ecklund, Siri Swanson,

**Absent:** Cassie Wilkins, Monica Broerman, Steve Monroe, Cynthia Greenburg,

- Andrea made a motion to approve the April minutes; Kelly seconded; the minutes were unanimously approved
- Trish introduced GPHS' Chief Science Officer (CSO), Makhala Caldwell and Region Director Alison Sweeney. They explained what the program is and what it does at the high school. Makhala said they are advocates for STEM in both our state and the community. Hopes to get more students involved.
- Ryan Thompson introduced two students that are elected officers who came to represent Skills USA, Anthony Pio and Avie Evans. They informed the group about what Skills USA is and the variety of CTE programs that compete in State and National competitions. Hoping to spread the word and get more students interested in the program.
- Barrett spoke about the Biliteracy Seal and that it is designed to honor students who are or have attained proficiency in 2 or more languages by high school graduation.
- Trish moved the Credit Proficiency down the agenda to the last item.
- Shauna Bland gave an update on what's happening in the College and Career Center. A few items touched on were the letters that were sent out to businesses in the community to ask them to consider offering internships for students to give them work experience, to encourage businesses to strike up conversations with students while in their shops, or even offer volunteer opportunities. Shauna talked about the future internship fairs, service learning ideas and possibly offering next destination classes. There are lots of moving parts and pieces with this, but is excited about all that is happening in the Career Center.
- Trish and Susan both spoke on the topic of the new Comprehensive Sex Ed Plan and the implementation into schools next year. They talked about what that curriculum looks like on a grade by grade basis. Susan provided an outline with examples of what will be taught. They assured parents that there is the option to opt out or make their child exempt for some lessons with the exception of the Child Protection Unit, where that will be a parent notification. Trish said that the high school Wellness program is not eligible for opt out because it is a required course, but that they can make accommodations for the sex ed piece as needed/requested. Susan provided a couple books for examples of what will be in the classroom and used in conjunction with the new lessons. There will be a community forum on May 22, 2018. The ODE will be in attendance to inform parents and hopefully answer any questions people may have.
- Susan talked briefly on the new changes to kindergarten transition for the 2018-19 school year. All kindergarteners will be starting school on the first day of school, but they will only be attending half days and will not be assigned a teacher until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school.
- Susan touched on PAC membership and the election/voting process. She let everyone know whose term was up.
- We skipped the Credit Proficiency due to time restraints.
  - Action Items:
  - Kyndale made a motion to approve the "I love My Purse" book; Carrie seconded; it was approved
  - Kyra made a motion to approve the "A Family is A Family is A Family" book; Kyndale seconded; it was approved
  - Andrea made a motion to approve the "Annie's Plaid Shirt" book; Kyndale seconded; it was approved
  - Carrie made a motion to approve the Middle School/High School Health Education Resources; Kyndale seconded; it was approved

Next meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018