

MINUTES

SCC Meeting

10/12/2020 5:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Bonnie Wilson/Pam Pedersen

In Attendance

Joie Ellis, Shannon Sweat, Pam Pedersen, Trieste Palmer, Amanda Johnson, Cindy, McKone-Beynon, Selena McGowan, Lavinia Tonamana, Rosicler Derbidge, Bonnie Wilson, Keri.

Thank you to parents in attendance

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from September 2020 Meeting were reviewed.

SIC Update

-Joie discussed SIC meeting:

- Every mentor teacher will discuss concerns with individual students.
- Seniors are a current focus, because we have students who are not on track for graduation.
- If there are families who have had no contact, home visits will be completed.
- Attendance policy for the school district was reviewed and the staff decided that Advisory will be used to keep track of attendance.
- Staff will discuss students twice a month to make sure that each is supported and making progress.
- Trieste is a tutor. She was asked for input on how tutoring is going. She indicated that:
 - In some ways, tutoring has looked a bit like interventions with students who are not progressing.
 - Sometimes communication is difficult, because students will not turn on the camera and tutors only hear a voice on the other end.
 - The most successful sessions come with a pep talk.
 - The students seem to feel good when they are "right on track".
 - Sometimes the problem is that they do not know where to start or how to balance classes in an online environment.
 - She will ask students to make a plan for current day and possibly next day, in order to help with organizational skills.

-Pam added that the staff will continue to do whatever they can to support each student in the online environment.

Student Updates

-Online Learning: Pam is grateful that we didn't roll the dice and open in-person learning at the beginning of the school year. Our students have collectively earned 105 quarter credits in the first 4-5 weeks of school. That is enough credits for one student to graduate.

- Some students report that they are happy to be home. Others report that it is difficult, but they understand the need to be at home.

- Joie reported that there are many mixed feelings, but a majority of the students the mentors feel good about being home and safe. Mentoring has been directed toward time management and organization.

- Shannon provided insight into her own children.

- Pam said that the schedule seems to be working, but if your individual child is having a difficult time, please reach out to mentor teachers.

- Bonnie said that we are in a school district who "called it right" in the beginning. It's been comforting for her to know the plan moving forward. She asked Sam to take her thoughts back to Board.

- Parent Teacher Conferences:

- Joie put together a graphic for his week during parent teacher conferences. Each of the two days designated for P/T Conferences, he spent over 200 minutes in parent meetings. Fridays are reserved for mostly mentor meetings with students.

- Pam indicated that teachers are spending time to make sure students are being taken care of mentally. During each mentor meeting, they are encouraged to do a check.

- Nicole (counselor) has started a circle time for each grade level. It just started this week. She has set up a room that can be accessed through her counselor page. Her page also includes information on Concurrent Enrollment.

- Digital Citizenship and Safety Discussion.

- Pam will post English and Spanish versions of this document on the website. There are responsibilities in using the internet. Sam Quantz put together this document based on online learning.

- One parent asked about "Discord" and whether or not it is blocked on district computers. Joie indicated that Sam Quantz will be given a heads up.

HB58 Requirements

Our legislature has indicated that schools need to have a plan to deal with controlled substances and e-cigarettes/vaping. We were asked to discuss our plan. Pam shared the plan that has already been shared with and approved by the staff. She will be presenting it to the school district and ultimately the Board.

- Parent feedback: Looks all inclusive, like that these things are integrated into the Health curriculum for all students.

School Board Update – Samuel Hansen

At the last School Board Meeting, discussed:

- School Resource Officers - School resource officers – tightly controlled relationship with police department. We've heard from a lot of parents asking if we want to continue. Data regarding

juvenile citations by SROs was shared. Funding comes out of money that we give to redevelopment agency (property tax) and they give some back of us and we pay half the salaries of SROs. Some would like to see that money spent on social workers, nurses, etc.

- Policy Changes – can find in the minutes from meeting
- Update from Superintendent Larry Madden regarding his meeting with the CDC. We are still in a high risk situation in regards to COVID-19. Our youngest students do not seem to be bringing home cases at the same rate as other students. They all have different outlooks on this. They are generally supportive of cautious approach. First priority when safer, look at ways to bring younger kids into schools as soon as possible. The next steps would be elementary small groups in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Sam feels like we made a good call. The next thing we need to look at... What do we do when things do get better? Currently looking at hybrid model, but this may not be the best way to start returning to the classroom. The other thing that may change is the HERO program. It is Health and Economic Recovery Program – a program to bring COVID testing into schools (onsite at schools, saliva sample, at end transported to lab, chain reaction test to confirm presence or absence of virus). This could also help us to bring small groups into buildings. Will have new information on October 20th.
- If anyone would like to reach Sam, you can find his contact information on the district website under the Board tab

Principal Q and A, Additional Information

- We are starting to bring students in. We have seniors who are in trouble who will need some in person instruction, tutoring, etc. They would like to jump start their efforts for graduation. It is an individual basis. There are students who need help one on one. On Wednesday's students can sign up to come in and take pre assessments and fitness gram.
- Staffing change – looking for a new Science teacher. Mr O'Brien will no longer teach at Innovations. Pam is stepping in right now.
- Parent Selena – she has a son who is not able to do online schooling he goes to a charter school. Delila is all online. Just recognize that each family has different needs. She does think it's the right choice as a whole, but we do have families who really do need in person.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM