

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes October 7, 2021

In attendance: Kirk Kolb, Susan Zottola, Trish Evens, Michele Napier, Ryan Thompson, Amy Wels, Audra Myerchin, Caitlin Aamli, Cassie Wilkins, Daniel Burdis, Erica Ledesma, Jarita Irvin, Jennifer McGowan, Kristin Ryerson, Lindsey Randall, Marielle Nelson, Sarah Bazen

Guests: Kirstine Dunlap, Kristin Hosfelt, Tommy Blanchard, Robert Lingo, Rachelle Watson

Absent: Chelsea Daugherty, Sam Marsh

- Trish Evens opened the meeting and welcomed the group.
- Trish asked for members to look over September's meeting minutes.
 - Action item- September 2021 minutes approved with the correction of removing the verbiage stating that action items were approved unanimously. Verbiage was removed and September minutes were re-archived.
- Guest Kirstine Dunlap (Epic Coordinator at Pregnancy Care Center) shared information about the Epic Sexual Health Program in schools. They have collaborated with teachers to update their modules and make them more applicable. Teachers can choose which modules to present to their classes.
 - Trish explained that the Oregon State standard requires abstinence based curriculum. Health teachers also share medically accurate information on reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases and infections.
- Guest Kristin Hosfelt (D7 Communications Specialist) gave an update on Parent Square. Parents now have more control in how they receive communication, as well as which language the information comes in, which is helping to close the communication gap with families. There has been a positive response from families and a higher response rate from parents now that they can utilize the messaging feature.
 - Trish reports that the middle schools will be the first to use Parent Square to send out progress reports.
 - Susan Zottola shared that the elementary schools have now rolled out the automated attendance calls through Parent Square. The schools are hearing back from parents much faster now that they can receive the information via text, and text back.
- Guests Robert Lingo (SMS Principal) and Tommy Blanchard (NMS Principal) gave updates about each school.
 - North modified a class to become the Media Arts Program, and added a new class called CTE Explorations. They also brought back advanced English, Language Arts, and Social Studies.
 - South has an A/B schedule that opens up more time and options for electives. There is a Spanish program that teaches about geography and culture. Other options include Creative Writing, Intro to Science Fiction, and a First Aid class.
- Trish shared data around the percentage of 9th graders on track to graduate.
 - Guest Rachelle Watson (Freshman Support Coordinator) shared information about the 9th Grade Success Program at GPHS. There are four mentors who are each part of a teacher team, and in a classroom. Mentors serve as a partner to families, build on relationships, and focus on the whole picture rather than just academics.
- A review of the request made by Hillairee Russell & Elaine Barton from SMS to include *Restart* by Gordan Korman as 6th grade required reading. Supplementary approval is needed before going to the School Board for final approval.
 - Action item- *Restart* approved by vote, with one abstention.
- Next PAC meeting is scheduled for November 4th, at 9:00am.
 - Agenda items planned-
 - Annual EL report
 - Annual TAG report