

SIC Meeting - 4/13/2021

Welcome

Members in attendance: Darren Wilson, Holly Logan, Brad Mercer, Kristie Hill, Kim Robbins, Rick Weslock, Sara McCart, Gina Bell, Aiyanna Uter, Alice Shrader, Hannah Stover

Old Business

February 2 meeting minutes were emailed to SIC members and a brief summary shared by Kristie Hill. Sara McCart motioned to approve February minutes, Aiyanna Uter seconded the motion, and approved by all.

New Business

Return to 5 Days a Week Update

Brad Mercer shared an update. There have been issues with increased traffic and more tardies to school. Shields have been placed in all classrooms on desks/tables. Aiyanna Uter shared that although she is virtual she has heard from school friends that it's going very well. Rick Weslock shared worries of visibility with students not being able to see the board or the screens through multiple shields. Alice Shrader added that she allows students to rotate to other spaces in the classroom as needed for increased visibility.

Safety Update

Brad Mercer shared an update. York County Management and the School Safety Team will assess the building and possibly suggest new locations with less windows for severe weather.

Reports

Student Report

Aiyanna Uter shared update. Spirit Week went well, not much FMVA participation, but excited that students are back in school 5 days a week and sharing school spirit when possible.

Athletics Report

Kim Robbins shared updates. Spring sports is up and running. There have been several senior nights, several fundraisers ongoing, 50/50 raffle for baseball, football cornhole tournament this summer, and lots of summer camps posted. There will be some positions posted soon for Athletics Booster Club. School store is opening Thursday with a huge joint effort from Digital Art and Design, Engineering, Art Club, Agriculture Science, and the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools. Mr. Wilson encouraged all to visit since it is amazing and truly state of the art. Sara McCart asked if FMVA students will be able to visit. Mr. Wilson will check with District Office to come up with a plan for FMVA participants. Kim Robbins also added that people can shop online as well if they don't feel comfortable coming in person.

Band Report

Rick Weslock shared updates. Mr. Dickey announced his upcoming retirement after 29 years in Fort Mill. Marching Band show for the Fall is already in the works. Color Guard and Percussion

are performing in competitions and have made finals. Virtual Competitions have allowed for more national competitions. Jazz Band is performing and has an upcoming evening performance at the small amphitheater in Kingsley. Band Booster meeting coming up in person soon, as well as lots of May practices on the schedule. Golf Tournament fundraiser coming up soon. Mr. Wilson thanked Rick Weslock for agreeing to serve on the upcoming interviews to fill Mr. Dickey's position.

Parent Ambassadors Report

Hannah Stover shared updates. May 3 - 7 is staff appreciation week and they have planned to have prizes, umbrellas, luncheon, lots of fun activities to show the faculty. Kristie Hill thanked Hannah Stover and the Parent Ambassadors for all of their hard work and really adding lots of love and morale boosting for the faculty.

Administrative Update

Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Logan shared updates.

Fort Mill Virtual Academy (FMVA) Update

We are looking at numbers, but we have about 40 students registered for FMVA next year and allocated to lose 2 teacher positions for FMVA. Mrs. Logan shared that could increase our class sizes for "in person" students.

Spring Activities Update

- Prom
 - Senior Sunset - June 4 in the Stadium
- Senior Events
 - Graduation - June 9 in the Stadium, looking at 4 tickets per graduate
 - Mrs. Shrader voiced concern about graduation robes for faculty.
- Ridgies Award Show
 - Mrs. Logan shared about the virtual awards last year. Asked for input from SIC about virtual platform versus in person.
 - Aiyanna Uter loved the virtual awards and noted that it allowed for many family members to watch.
 - Mr. Wilson added that if we do in person, we would have to limit numbers in attendance due to COVID safety protocols.
 - Mrs. Shrader added that if Awards Day is during the day it does pose a disruption to the class schedule and normal day routine during a very busy time of year.
 - Hannah Stover added that although she doesn't have a Senior, she liked the virtual event over the in person option.
 - Kristie Hill noted that her family watched from the comfort of our home and just thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations and the professional quality that Mrs. McKemey and her TV production team created
 - Rick Weslock agreed that the professional quality of the virtual event was so well done and was very impressed with the virtual awards show last year.

- Sara McCart added that flexibility is key in our current times. It is much more comfortable to stay in the comfort of your own home and watch it and rewatch and share it with others.
- Mr. Wilson added that we are blessed to have Mrs. McKemey and her talents. Noted that the other schools may not have the same capabilities of virtual with one of the other school's TV teachers being on maternity leave. He thanked SIC for their input.

Questions for Principal -

No questions. No further discussions.

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Kristie Hill @4:37:pm, seconded by Alice Shrader, and approved by all.

Next Meeting (Virtual) - May 11, 2021. Donna Jackley will send minutes and agenda by email