

Dean Rusk School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Time: 4:30-5:00

Location: Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19

Members Present:

- Dawn Weinbaum – Principal
- Andrew Carwile – Certified Teacher
- Robyn West – Certified Teacher; Secretary
- Mitzi Hamilton – Parent Representative Chair
- Julie George – Parent Representative Vice Chair
- Audrey Brown – Parent Representative

Via Microsoft Teams, Ms. Weinbaum called the meeting to order by welcoming all.

Georgia Milestones

6th and 7th grade have completed the Milestones and the 8th grade will be finishing the Milestones this week. The test scores will not count toward placement, but will give great data for teachers, schools, and parents.

Digital Learning

Digital Learning will be available next year and has been approved for 1st semester. As of right now, approximately 130 students have signed up for CCSD middle school digital and approximately 45 of these are DRMS students. The number is fairly equal across the grade-levels. A couple of scenarios to teach these students are as follows:

- Remote Learning Model - This class would include all students in the CCSD not just DRMS students.
- Simultaneous Model - Face to Face classes would have the digital students join while the teacher is teaching.

End of Year

Because we need to keep things socially distanced and be contained as much as possible, the end of year activities will be different this year.

- The awards ceremony will take place virtually with each grade-level team. This will be during ELT. Students will still receive certificates for Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Principal Award, etc.

- Each grade level has plans for fun activities such as virtual field trip for 7th grade and a breakfast for the 8th graders on the last day of school.
- **KICK OFF TO SUMMER** will be a modified version of field day and will take place during the connections period the last week of school with 3 events each day.
- Yearbook Signing will be contained within the classes.
- The Chief Walk will not take place this year, but breakfast will be served to 8th graders in the classroom.
- **EXAMS:** Wednesday, May 26th – 2 exams and Thursday, May 27th – 2 exams (Block Schedule). The exams do not have to be cumulative. They can be projects, presentations, writing assignments, etc.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL** Friday, May 28th @ 12:45. No early checkouts.

Middle and High School Transition

- Transitions from 5th -6th will be virtually via video. Noah Popp has helped create this video with a video tour of the school, along with a welcome message from Ms. Weinbaum. Some 6th grade teachers also made a video and sent to the elementary schools. A parent information video was sent to the elementary schools as well.
- Transition from 8th -9th still waiting on more information from SHS. Please reach out to Dr. Townsend or the high school counselors if you have any questions.

Course Placements

Because the Milestones will not be used for placement and the scores will not be back in time for course placement, rubrics and grades will be used for course placement. This year's Milestones can be used as talking points to help solidify placement. Course Placements have gone home with students. If you have questions, please email administration.

- **GAP COURSE:** This is a digital course for rising 8th graders who will be taking a high school credit math class. This course will review/teach the regular 8th grade math skills that the Advanced Math 7 class did not necessarily cover. Please register through email sent to parents of students taking the high school credit courses.
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** Three courses will be offered next year (Spanish, French, Latin).

Career Tech/Skilled Trade week

- We are excited about this week. The BE PRO/BE PROUD Truck is an interactive truck with hands on experience with several skilled trades. This truck will only be for 8th grade students, but all grade levels will participate in the skilled trades week. The students will enjoy speakers from different trades via TEAMS, door decoration contests, and other fun activities.
- The truck will be here May 19-21 and the students will visit during Social Studies class.

- This week will not have block days for 8th grade on Wednesday or Thursday.

Canvas Updates

CCSD has streamlined all CANVAS landing pages. Each teacher will have “Canvas Shells” where Georgia standards and the teaching and learning maps for the subject area will be posted in each shell.

- Teachers will have lesson plans for the week posted by Monday morning in each shell. The announcement tab will still be utilized as the teachers have been doing this year.

Ms. Weinbaum thanked all council members for their participation this year. Some members will be rotating off.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:30pm.