

SAC meeting notes 8/27/21 7:30 – 9:00am

Attendees: Tony Karr, Hannah Ditto, Julie Baltus, Brian Schneider, Amanda Hubber, Julie Carr, Becky McCully

Agenda:

- Welcome to SAC / Meeting schedule for the 21/22 year

Schedule can be found on the Holmes website here: <https://www.d11.org/Page/11477>

- 5 Essentials Deep Dive Results

The 5 Essentials are Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Ambitious Instruction, Support Environment, and Involved Families.

Holmes scored Very Strong or Strong in 3 of the 5. Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Ambitious Instruction. Schools that have a benchmark of Very Strong or Strong in 3 or more essentials are 10x's more likely to improve.

We had 80% of students and 30% of parent's response rate which is a very good response rate.

We discussed how to get more parent/family engagement with Schoology

- Building Leadership Topics (as identified by Tony)

Tony and his team meet 1 to 2 times a month with a focus on the 5 essentials and USIP.

Working with COS I Love You to come up with a way to allow more kids to do activities at the school. This could be busing or carpooling. Last year they provided a space for students with free internet for learning.

- Universal School Improvement Plan (USIP) Adjustments

We discussed the priority performance challenges:

ABC's Attendance, Behavior and Course Work (academics)

Improvement strategies:

Attendance – students with chronic absences by October will receive a call from the 2nd period teacher and if necessary, will pull in the counselor. Studies show students with chronic absences all struggle in the other areas Behavior and Course Work.

- Test Results from 20/21 School Year

We did not get to this topic during the meeting, we will discuss in the September meeting.

- Open discussion topic

There was a lot of discussion about the affect of Covid on Holmes from issues filling open positions to the affect of contract tracing on the staff.

Like everyone it's been challenging to fill open positions at the school, be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities to help.

Covid tracing, there have already been positive cases reported at the school and with the new quarantine policies (which are intended to keep kids in the school as much as possible) the manpower and effort to trace who is a close contact, who was wearing a mask or not wearing a mask and who is vaccinated in order to know who should be quarantined it taking a lot of staff time and resource. While students and teachers are encouraged to wear a mask while at school in order to prevent more quarantines it's not required and the school can not require it.

If anyone would like to help by encouraging mask requirements to help reduce quarantines and the efforts involved to contact trace emailing Dr. Thomas and/or the school board is the best course of action.

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