

12-7-23 SCC

In Attendance:

Gina Williams - counseling

Anna Christiansen - SIC Rep

Kristi Runyan - student services

Caitlin Swan Cowley - teacher

Marcy Jenkins - employee

Cristyna Ramos - attendance secretary

Bryan Jensen - SLCS board member

Kate Arch - principal

Adrian Bancroft - assistant principal

Emily Waltman - PTA

Jesse Phillipps - vice president

Aimee Burrows - president

Cameron & Lorilyn Honarvar - parents

Jennifer Frahm - secretary

2:45 Principal Report (Kate Arch)

- Motion to approve \$25 fee for student government (To join, students have to meet certain attendance/grade requirements, submit an application, and make a poster. 8th graders only; usually around 25-30 kids per semester)
 - Total Costs: \$28 sweatshirt and \$30 Camp Tuttle (ropes course) = \$58 total
 - Proposed Student Cost: \$25 for students; school supplements the remaining \$33
 - Students on fee waiver would not pay any fee
 - Motion was approved unanimously
- Clayton is no longer a TSI School (Targeted Supports and Improvement)
 - TSI is a designation for schools that have certain demographics performing below general student population.
 - Clayton no longer flagged for two demographics
 - Bottom quartile of students are experiencing high growth
 - Focus on literacy and comprehension of presented materials (professional developments including language objectives, tier 2 vocab, close reading)
 - No funding implications (but fewer supports like professional development)
- Reading Data
 - 5% jump last year in reading scores when reading teacher was funded by SCC
 - Clayton having support for reading is critical because state doesn't fund this support for secondary schools
 - If students test below grade level, they can attend Reading Class, which is an elective (this is not their ELA class) taught by SCC-funded teacher.
- High School Tours: Poster sent to parents and posted around the school
- Cougar Mascot Names: Carl, Cooper, Tyrone, Cleveland
 - These names will be announced on 12/8/23 and final vote will be next week

3:00 PTA Report (Emily Waltman)

- Holiday baskets
 - 50 baskets delivered or picked up for Thanksgiving
 - 50 baskets are planned for Christmas/winter holidays over the next few weeks.
 - Project has seen good division of labor and collaboration within PTA.
 - Families are chosen based on nominations from teachers. Not necessarily the same families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Career Day : PTA working with Counselors to help
- Fundraiser: followup on past proposal to offer excess fundraiser money to other schools. PTA voted against the proposal because parents/supporters were told the money they gave would go to Clayton.
 - Economic demographics of Clayton: 1 of 3 students is in need, based on family income and fee waiver applications.

3:03 SIC Report (Anna Christiansen)

- SIC was in favor of school subsidizing the student government fees (voted on in previous item)
- Concern about student lateness to class
 - Proposal to collect more specifics by using designation of “late” (10 or fewer mins) OR “tardy” (11 or more mins)
 - Pending faculty approval which would happen next week
 - Largest number of students are late for 3rd and 7th periods
 - Proposed interventions have yet to be discussed, but for now:
 - Positive reinforcement: using grant money to give gift cards to kids without tardies or absences
 - Do Now assignments that happen at the beginning of each class period
 - Parent letter informing parents about number of absences and tardies
 - Cougar Cards. Last time, there was an event for 65 kids with perfect attendance and no tardies.
 - Lunch detention for kids who have 5 or more tardies per week
- Discussion about how often faculty meets: Mon afternoon is current schedule
 - Suggested changes: admin will consider

3:05 Counselors’ Report (Gina Williams)

- All CCR (College and Career Readiness) sessions for 8th graders have been completed
- 8th grade course selection for 9th grade with East, West, and Highland (January 8, 10)
- 7th grade course selection will be held on these same days. Counselors will be visiting feeder elementary schools in February to assist current 6th graders with course selection for 7th grade.

- College and Career Week January 16 - January 19.
 - Career Fair on January 19th for parents or other adults to present their careers

3:14 Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship (Adrian Bancroft)

- HB 213 requires schools to report digital/tech info to the SCC
- These are state-level policies that district IT implements
- All district devices are filtered through Content Keeper no matter the internet network
- Schools receive a report every Monday morning on what kids are Googling or searching
- Filter works based on categories that are provided by website creator. If uncategorized, website is auto-blocked; can be un-blocked through a process.
- Different sets of filters for different school grades.
- YouTube searching is generally blocked for students, not faculty
- Google is in safe search mode
- During registration, students/parents must sign district's acceptable use policy (AUP)
 - AUP states that inappropriate content should be reported
 - Inappropriate includes anything related to pornography, gangs, racism, or that violates other existing school policies
- Schoolwide assembly : Net Positive comes to teach students about social media and internet safety, avoidance of online predators

3:22 Dress Code Vote. Vote on recommendation to change the dress code to state that, when wearing a hoodie, the hood cannot be worn on the head.

- Vigorous discussion of the pros and cons of hoodies-up versus hoodies-down. Some teachers say that hoodies-up presents difficulties because they cannot see the student's face, cannot tell if they are listening to music, cannot tell how engaged they are. Some teachers say it is hard to have a classroom policy that doesn't extend to the rest of the building. Some parents say that students should be able to choose whether hoods are up, especially given the fact that hats are allowed in school. Some parents and teachers say that teens should be allowed to have this freedom of expression as well as this personal comfort choice. Discussion of possible safety concerns and identification of students--but hoods-up may go either way. Given that dress code was just updated, some feel that we should wait to see how things go before modifying it right now.
- Vote: 4 for and 4 against : motion does not pass.
- Kate will read on S5 to see what the rules are about bringing this to a vote again.

3:50 Meeting Adjourned