

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2024

TIME: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

PLACE: Room 214 (Sarah Makein's Room)

AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2023
2. Recent/Upcoming Events
3. Budget
4. School Improvement Plan
5. Feedback on FY25 Draft School Calendar
6. Schedule
7. Future Agenda Items

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Attendees: Principal Silas Coellner, Asst. Principal Chouinard, Samantha Enos (teacher), Therese Valente (teacher), Daniel Cooney (Marion parent), Sarah Makein (teacher), Susan Hunter Revell (Rochester parent), Chrystal Walsh (Mattapoisett parent)

SIGN-IN SHEET was shared at the meeting and all attending members signed in.

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-Call to order at 2:35

-Minutes from last meeting approved - "stuff" was clarified to mean budget priorities for JHS

-Mr. Coellner spoke to Mrs. Vaughn and Mr. Laprise to keep trying to stress importance of audience staying for whole concert

- JHS was able to get a refrigerator - Toni Bailey figured it out! It will be placed in Sarah Robinson's 2nd science room for the science teachers.
- Reviewed recent and upcoming events.
- Upcoming PD for climate and culture - going to do 2 one-hour sessions. First hour will have 3 options: Character Strong - Kathy Gauvin will unpack this; Melanie Lean and Kelly - review of method, process, and such for behavior reports combined with redirecting and reinforcing language with sample green team sticky note method; Sue Wheeler - Go Guardian training and scenes to help people monitor RTI periods (especially IXL) as well as E-hall pass kiosks. Second hour will be by team. The main task is the protocol for two trusted adults. Kids identify if there are two trusted adults. Teachers note who they have positive relationships with. Then we look for anyone who may be missing that and try to help them build relationships. Kids can check in with trusted adults during homeroom, RTI, after school, on the way to lunch. Non team teachers will be assigned to teams.
- RTI changes were discussed. Kids are not happy with lack of choice, but the school needed more structure.
- Difference between RTI/Advisory/Directed Study explained.
- Starting Q3 Directed Studies are grade based and as much as possible team based. Throws off balance of numbers though.
- Budget - no new information.
- School Improvement Plan - last school committee meeting canceled, so Silas will meet with them February 1st. If you have any more comments on the School Improvement Plan, let him know.
- Schedule: Teacher's union did their own survey and shared the results with Silas. Results demonstrated a lot of frustration with the schedule. Started a Scheduling Committee to put everything on the table: perspectives, goals, frustrations. Number 1 grievance - time is lacking in common team planning time. Number 2 is probably a concern that the middle of the road kids, and schedule seems to emphasize the struggling kids. Number 3 combination of longer class times on Thursdays and Fridays means Directed Studies are problematic at that time. Silas is hoping to meet with student leaders during Directed Studies in small groups to get student voice about schedule too. We should let the student body know that student leaders can be their representatives to talk to Mr. Coellner.
- Future Agenda: Silas asked parent representatives if they would be interested in a schedule presentation. Feedback was more that if thoughts about change in the future could be given a heads up, that would be good.
- Reviewed next year's calendar.
- Currently June 10th is the last day of school - a Monday. The Friday before that is when we would normally have 8th grade promotion ceremony. Europe trip and Survival is taking place during that time, so maybe 40 kids would be missing. Would it be better to have it the last day of school? Europe trip is probably gone either way.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 3:38.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Chouinard, Asst. Principal  
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