

All District Parents Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019

“Highlights of the Year”

Dinner

Introductions were conducted.

Task: Principals will share highlights from this year.

Russell Evans (Junior/Senior High)

- Proud of tradition the school has in this community.
- Developing relationships with students, staff and community members.
- Welcoming students in the morning at the door and requiring teachers to be at their doors also.
- Working on student behavior.
- Finding ways to respond to students that are having issues (Restorative Justice).
- Working toward getting student career ready.
- Working on Scope and Sequence and defining our curriculum.
- Learning teams and communities for teachers.
- Professional Development for teachers every Wednesday.
- Mentor students (positive role models).

Rhonda Ham (OSE)

- Positive change is the attitude and atmosphere throughout the district.
- Leadership team is fun and amazing to work with, positive change.
- Great new staff. New teachers that are stepping up and doing an assume job. TOSA to work with the new teachers.
- Counselors are now in the elementary school.
- Security Campus (Mike Armbruster) who is in the building.
- Getting fencing around the school for better security.
- Collaboration among the teachers. Same grade level teachers have the same prep-time to be able to collaborate.
- Meeting individual student needs better.
- Working on social skills with all students.
- Working on Scope and Sequence.
- Schools look fabulous. This summer the maintenance crew worked together at each building.
- Salad Bar.
- Storage shed is on the way.

- Green House. Working with community group to build a garden so students can raise fruits, vegetables, and plants.
- Breakfast, two separate seating. Share the district character at the breakfast.

Marlene Perez (PBE)

- Morning assembly – talk about character traits and announcements.
- New staff that eliminated classroom blends.
- Counselor at school.
- Collaboration with elementary schools and leadership.
- Revived football and volleyball. First game is at jr/sr high at half-time this Friday.
- PBIS online tool. Calls out positive behavior and awards students. ASB has also taken this on.
- Maintenance crew did a great job. Students taking ownership of wanting to keep the school clean and looking great.
- New playground.

Andy Kelly

- Elementary schools making a huge effort to collaborate internally and externally.
- Healthy Food Committee have been instrumental in getting the salad bars.
- In the next two years our bond that we used to build OSE will be paid off. We would like to make some improvement at the jr/sr high and we would like to build a new PBE.
- We are in need of classified substitutes.

Questions

1. Will there be a nurse at all the schools instead of just one district-wide? Fiscally we are not funded for a nurse. If the nurse is not in the school, the nurse has trained staff to be prepared to handle emergency situations.
2. Growth, has this affected the schools? We are definitely growing. We will be merging with Seabrook Montessori school so we will have a Montessori school. We are looking at each student individually to provide courses/opportunities for them. We are being creative and flexible. We are able to offer College in the High School this year that students can also get EWU credits.
3. What are the best resources that parents can access to help support their students in the classroom? Starting dialogue with the classroom teacher. Khan Academy is a good resource (Math, STEM, History, English) there are great videos on YouTube, Google. GradeSlam provides live help for students. GEAR UP for beyond high school help.

Elementary schools do iReady assessments, this tests phonics and comprehensive, reading and math. Once this is taken, then students have access to resources at their lessons.

Elementary also does DIEBELS which helps identify gaps to help target deficiencies.

High Cap and Title/LAP to meet all ranges of learning levels.

4. Are there plans to bring military opportunities to our students? We do provide our students with portals for all branches. We would love to have ROTC. We would love to find a way to expand this to our students.
5. How do parents keep on top of how students are doing, Skyward is useless because it isn't kept up-to-date? A lot of our teachers haven't been trained on how to use Skyward. We need to do a better job at professional development for our teachers. We spent time today on training the teachers on how to use Skyward.
6. High School, is information going to be given to parents and just not the students, because they don't pass it on? It would be helpful for parents to let Russell know the things that parents would like to get. Since we now have a 3rd person in the office, this provides an opportunity to get more information out.
7. Is OSE going to have the reading and math (Michael and Joanne) programs at the school each year? Yes, there will continue to be High Cap, LAP and Title programs at the schools.
8. Testing (SAT, PSAT) tutoring can be arranged, is there anything arranged? Once they have a college board account, there is a connection with the Khan Academy, that has tutorials.

Comment: Sportsmanship and attitude at the games have improved since last year.

October 17th, Financial Aid Family Night.