

DPC meeting minutes 12/14/2020

Following the agenda posted on OPS

Superintendent update

- Google outage this morning. Something no one would expect.
- Followed presentation by John Hood (Is this posted to OPS.net?)
- Presented information and highlighted information that will be presented to the BOE tonight.
- Bond work
 - Air conditioning in half the schools and bathroom remodels in the other half and then they'll switch to finish next summer
 - Tech work (phone, door switches, routers) have been worked on
 - Security film on the windows
 - Three new buses
- COVID 19 Dashboard is [HERE](#), updated bi-weekly.
 - Model B may not work anymore since it's getting this late in the year
 - We have to be flexible, yet decisive
 - Attendance has been really great online
 - When COVID numbers are better, it would be a five week process to transition
 - Community Education just had their first positive case yesterday
 - Some kids who are anxious in in-person school are doing so much better online, some have never done better
 - The township has been outstanding in helping make decisions & collaboration
- Equity Plan
 - Working with two Drs at MSU.
 - Surveys will continue to come out to help with the work.
 - Handbook language needs to be worked on.
 - Working with Native Community on name reboot.
 - Looking to hire an Equity Director instead of filling the HR Director role.
- Music program is piloting software to facilitate ensemble playing together.
- Emotional Health - working to capture successes and learning opportunities.
- Asst Sup Bailey working with MSU on improving the program on for Professional Development
- Looking at improving air quality - above and beyond MERV 13. Challenges due to different systems in the different buildings.
- Questions from DPC -
 - Are we getting pushback from the community regarding how other communities are dealing with this? Example - other communities are in person...
 - We are getting pushback, and also gratitude for the consistency. Examples given on how the Board should respond to THEIR community. Survey results are different from the communities. OPS is focused on quality instruction, and reduced transitions. OPS would be at 33% capacity to ensure proper distancing. Asking people to do one thing well allows better quality instruction. Comment from the community about kids not being symptomatic countered with the actual concern about the

staff - if the staff gets sick that creates a big problem with the program.

Note from the Board - Vin Lyon-callo

- Tonya and Sarah are leaving, with two new board members coming in, we thank them for their service
- Good (plenty of) feedback from the community.
- Board recognizes the importance of the voice of the whole community.
- Recognizes that one size does not fit everyone.
- One side note - had a reprieve from some other over enrollment concerns that the BOE had prior to the pandemic.
- A lot of people are attending the Board meetings with them online

Note from Cornell Principal - Tara Fry

- Enrollment is strong at 470+, an increase from last fall
- Thank you to the community bond for the air conditioning and film on the windows
- Bathrooms will be next summer
- Care Bear program (food drive & gifts) supported 10 families (27 children)
- Community Service art project
 - Spread Smiles

Building updates

OHS – Niki Robinson

- Important Dates:
- December 14-18 OHS Virtual Spirit Week
- December 18 Class of 2021 names for diplomas due to Marcy Mosher
- December 18 PowerSchool turned off at 4:30 p.m.
- until 7:30 a.m. On January 4
- January 13 Parent Group Meeting, 9:00am
 - Join Zoom:
<https://aamco.zoom.us/j/96581331782?pwd=TjhiOUNyYkJsME9rbmZ2Yy9sRUFVZz09> Meeting ID: 965 8133 1782 Passcode: 566667
- School News
 - COVID-19 Semester 1 Final Exam Policy: Teachers will not administer a final exam or cumulative learning activity for the first semester. Semester grades will be based on grades from quarter 1 and 2.
- School Picture and Student ID's Pick U: School pictures and Student ID's taken last month are available for pickup in the main office, M-F 10:00-2:00.
- Congratulations to Mr. Raul Presas who has been named the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach. Baseball players should expect communication from Coach Presas soon, as we determine offseason training opportunities. If OHS students are interested in playing Baseball this spring, please make sure you create your PlanetHS account at okemoschiefs.org
- Now Hiring:
 - JV Baseball Coach, Varsity Girls Water Polo Coach, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, and Varsity Girls Tennis Coach: Interested candidates should send a letter of intent and a resume to brian.fuller@okemosk12.net .
- "Power School" will be turned off during the Winter Break.

- Question - what is “best practice” evolving to be regarding finals, especially post-COVID. Looking to evolve the process to better evaluate what the student is capable of - does one high stakes exam at the end of instruction truly evaluate that?
- Question - how/when was the decision made about cancelling finals, and turning off the Power School?

Chippewa – Kristin Arnett and Niki Robinson

- Chippewa’s student council was able to provide 10 families Thanksgiving dinner, delivered by Mrs. Kregelka and Mr. Ridley, and will continue to collect donations through December 18 to purchase gift cards from local establishments to help families in need. Please use the following link to donate: <https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/clubs/#/v/cms-student-council-donations>
- Chippewa Parent Group is collecting donations for teachers. Go to <https://signup.com/go/OErWXTw>, choose which teachers you would like to buy a gift card for and pay with PayPal or credit/debit card. CPG will purchase and deliver the cards in your child's name. It's easy.
- Question about getting gift cards for teachers - signup.com
 - It's left to the school and individual parent groups to decide how to manage the program. DPC to discuss different options and then present that to the community.

Kinawa – Karen Shapiro

- The Kinawa Parent Group raised a net of over \$11,000 (over \$12,000 before fees) for this year’s Keep Kinawa Moving (KKM) online event. Our goal was \$20,000. We used getmovinfundhub.com as our platform and we will renew for a 10% discount next year. Students were encouraged to do daily activities and record a short video on Flipgrid as a fun way to share together. There were about 200 total videos and about 30-35 videos on Flipgrid each day. About 23% participated on the website with at least 1 donation.
 - The fundraising felt more like a community building exercise (used fundhub website to facilitate). Had a great experience, even though we had low participation.
- KKM resulted in 4 “superstar” fundraisers (over \$300) and one team of 56 students won for most raised. The Superstars will receive a gift basket and the winning team will get a Kinawa water bottle with local coupons inside.
- We have just finished our virtual Scholastic Book Fair and are waiting on the financials from that.
- Next week (Dec. 14-18) is spirit week, which will have daily fun activities.
- The next Kinawa Parent Group meeting will take place online on Wednesday, December 16th, 7-8pm.

Cornell – Liz Luyendyk

- Cornell’s student directory is being compiled and will be available to parents before winter break
- Artwork is being collected this week in conjunction with this week’s art lesson.
- The PTO will distribute the artwork to local nursing facilities and Sparrow’s COVID unit.
- Strong enrollment - 470 - an increase since 2019
- Bond approved! Thank you! HVAC update.

- Completed Care Bear project - food drive. 10 food baskets and gift cards. 27 children.
- Thank you to the parents for your work and commitment to your children and the community during this time!
- Student Directory participation is low, so Google form is being left up.
- Cancelled December parent group meeting.

Bennett Woods – Janet Philips and Nathan Schuster

- December 14 - 16 - Materials Distribution. There will be a secure collection area during the Materials Distribution Sessions for any cards/items parents wish to leave.
- 1st grade team is collecting cheerful artwork made by Bennett Woods students to deliver to the COVID Unit at Sparrow Hospital. Students may be doing a “draw with me” piece during their synchronous or asynchronous learning time to send to brighten up the walls at Sparrow.
- Bennett Woods directory has been sent out in the school newsletter as a view only spreadsheet.

Hiawatha – Carly Patel and Amy Burton

- Meal distribution getting coordinated with materials
- Doing a clothing and food drive.
- Question - how to share and coordinate efforts across the DPC and communicate that to the community. Example of clothing drives for elementary schools.

New business -

- Sarah requested presentations from Mr. Hood -
- March - Reproductive health during COVID
- April - Diversity and equity
- January or May - Meet and greet with all directors (focus on new team)

Next meeting - 09:00-11:00 ET January 11.