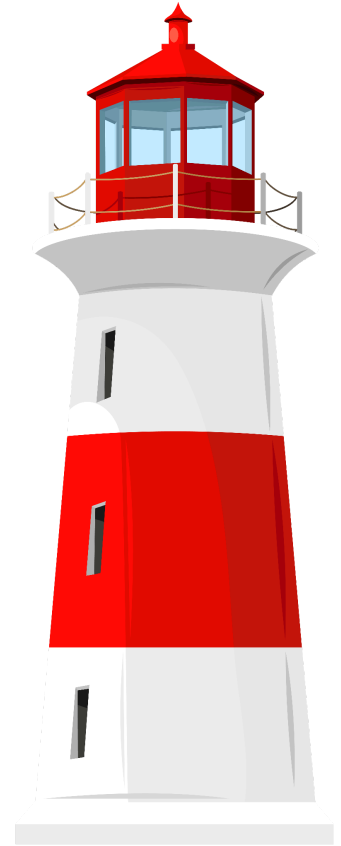


School Improvement Council - Parent Lighthouse Team

December 3, 2024 at 7:15 a.m.

Meeting Attendance (Place an X by those present)

Kris Bevill - Chair X	Hillary Schoenecker X
Tracey Coleman	Jessica Tesch X
Mike Genova X	DawnMarie Carlson
Alex Genova	Michelle Hawkins - <i>Secretary Back-Up</i>
Teresa Goodwin	Ann McGill
April Hurley - Secretary X	Travis Palmer X
Shaina Reid	Jessica Jones X
Gracy Ruth-Homs X	Andrea Peralta X
	Chuck Turner



I. New Business

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II. Old Business

A. Health Initiative

a. Coordinated School Health Committee

<i>CSHC Pontiac Team</i>	
☐ Jessica Jones	☐ Christian Bragg
☐ Renee Smith	☐ Takima Nelson
☐ Travis Palmer	☐ Julie Whitney
	☐ Karen Thompson

Goal 1: Health Education Curriculum Topics

Description:

Does your health education curriculum address all of the essential topics on healthy eating that are integrated across the curriculum and are linked with the school food environment/cafeteria?

Information on healthy eating could be incorporated through the Leadership Global class and PE curriculum. The SIC Health Sub-Committee also discussed various ways to provide more information, including sending home pamphlets with report cards with healthy eating information for parents.

Goal 2: Availability of Water

Description:

Does your school provide free, safe, unflavored, drinking water available throughout the school day and throughout the entire school campus?

There is no water filling station in the cafeteria, on the playground, or in the conference room area of the school. Suggestions to add additional water filling stations included:

- Discussing having the company that installed the playground equipment add one.
- Requesting quotes to have current water fountains fitted to be water-filling stations.
- Potentially offering bottled water in the cafeteria, but there would be a charge for it.

b. Update on sun shades & grant applications

The PTO is applying for a grant through PFG. They require a sun safety plan to be implemented. Ways to implement the sun safety plan were discussed and included:

- Adding information to the school handbook that the SIC Health Sub-Committee will develop. Information to be included in the handbook:
 - district policy on temperature and recess
 - putting sunscreen on at home or having students apply at school as it is not a prescription
 - different types of sunscreen that may be utilized at school (no aerosol)
 - the short and long-term effects of not wearing sunscreen.
- Providing information to parents via Parent Square.
- Sending information home for parents with report cards, potentially pamphlets from the American Academy of Dermatology or Society for Pediatric Dermatology.
- Creating a table or bulletin board with information about sun safety, Teachers Pay Teachers has some free material available.
- Providing information during PE class.
- Asking the school nurse to provide information for students and parents.
- Creating a segment for the school news show about sun safety.

Another local elementary school recently added sun shades to their playground area at a lower cost than current quotes for Pontiac. A member of SIC will reach out to the school to request information on the company used and request quotes.

If the quotes are lower than the current quotes, discuss with the district to see if the sun shades meet their requirements.

c. Updates on school climate rating

Mr. Nunn provided an update on improvements being made. Efforts are being made to be transparent with parents regarding the actions that the school is taking to correct issues and how they can partner with their children and the school to improve the school climate.

Cleanliness: Actions being taken are:

- Having staff complete lists at the end of each day regarding custodial needs and having the custodial staff address these issues the following morning. This system is working well and the custodial staff resolves issues quickly and efficiently.
- Requesting that parents encourage students to respect the school and its amenities.
- Requesting that teachers ask students not to take backpacks and jackets into bathrooms and to reduce the number of students entering the restrooms at one time.
- Creating a segment for the school news show encouraging students to take care of the school and its amenities.

Social: Mr. Nunn provided information about his town hall meetings. During the meetings, he discusses the difference between bullying and picking, how to identify which is occurring, and how to respond appropriately.

SIC can assist by providing information to parents and stakeholders discussing the actions being taken to improve areas of deficiency and providing updates on gains.

d. SIC Health Sub-Committee

Coach Palmer provided an update on how students are doing with FitnessGrams. FitnessGrams metrics include student height, weight, and activity tests. The data can be skewed due to body composition. Sixty-five percent of students meet the healthy fitness zone standards but are below national rankings. Students are doing well with core strength. Areas that need improvement are aerobic capacity and muscle strength.

He discussed how nutrition plays an important role in how physically fit children are and how the school is providing healthier food options at breakfast, including milk, juice, fruit, and cereal or other daily options for students, and that teachers have access to healthy snacks for students throughout the day. One of the challenges is that students often have limited time for breakfast due to arrival time and length of breakfast time.

Ways to improve FitnessGram outcomes and overall physical health include:

- Encouraging healthy eating habits at school and home.
- Encouraging more physical activity outside school.
- Potentially sending home pamphlets with report cards with healthy eating information and activity calendars with simple exercises for summer break.

III. Meeting Adjourn

Transition Into Title I Meeting: All positions have been filled. The newest hire will assist with 4th and 5th grade and started before Thanksgiving.

\$2,000 worth of books were purchased during the fall book fair and will be given to families during Family Night in the spring.

Dr. Peralta provided an update on the hiring of the new principal for Pontiac. There are currently 2-3 candidates. Final interviews were held before Thanksgiving and the superintendent will make the final decision, possibly by next week.

Next Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Important Dates:

December 2nd - 9th MAP Testing

December 9th - 13th Pontiac Parrot Workshop

December 16th - MOD Pizza Night

December 20th - Early Dismissal Day



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Leadership



Culture

PONTIAC 2024-25 SIC MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 3RD

OCTOBER 1ST

NOVEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 3RD

JANUARY 7TH

FEBRUARY 4TH

MARCH 4TH

APRIL 1ST

MAY 6TH



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