

**Title VI**  
**Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting using Google Meet

Present: Tracy Lobermier, Shannon Chapman, Megan Beauprey, Melonie Reopelle, Lynn Carroll, Star Tourtillott, Crystal Lepscier, Nicky Bowman, Nathan Hanson

Tracy Lobermier called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

**1. Approval of meeting minutes**

[Approve Minutes from December 21, 2020 special meeting](#)

[Approve Minutes from December 9, 2020 meeting](#)

[Approve Minutes from November 11, 2020 meeting](#)

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Star Tourtillott**

**Second by: Megan Beauprey**

**All in favor, Motion passes**

**2. Updates/Concerns/Questions from PAC or Others**

a. Wifi equipment

i. Will continue to be used for e-learners

ii. 30 students at High School are virtual/e-learners (in total); unsure how many are Title students. Nathan will look into this and report back to the PAC. He does know that more e-learners were Title VI students than not, however. Will put on the next agenda as a follow up item.

b. How is the school addressing the social unrest?

i. Discussion, led by Star: With everything going on in the world, maybe we should consider forming alliances with other groups for the health of the whole child. Mel: Mr. Z said to be neutral and not voice opinions to turn students one way or another. She lets her students talk among themselves and feels the history and civics teachers are doing a wonderful job addressing the issues. Star: Civics - what does the constitution say, what are our boundaries - we should create safe and meaningful spaces for students to voice their opinions. It would be great if we could form debate teams; or alliances with other groups to have these discussions. Nicky: We should consider having Land Acknowledgements read at our school board meetings. Support safe discussions with our school district leadership; possibly a once a month dialogue. Our elected leaders are ensconced in social, political, educational, and economic realities which affects perspectives when we

come to the table. Invest in equity, diversity, inclusion. Important conversations, we could be supportive to our leadership. Nathan spoke of a book study that was done; but not sure that the dialogue is taking place. Equity is a concept within the school district Strategic Plan. Need to have these discussions to move the ideas forward in a meaningful way; Nathan: It's better to have a grassroots movement as opposed to it coming from administration. Let's talk about it and see if we can get any of these ideas going after the pandemic (mock trial, forensics, debate).

3. Updates/Concerns/Questions from Title VI Staff
  - a. Students back in school full-time: free voluntary COVID testing for students and staff being offered on a weekly basis, every Tuesday. You can go to the website to sign up.
    - i. Mel: As of Monday, 40 were in quarantine. It is posted on the district website.
    - ii. Lynn: We are in our second week back full-time. Students are happy to be back. Got off to a slow start; students getting used to being back in school. At the start of the new semester she will be pulling in students by her during their study hall. She is working with e-learners both virtually and in-person. She is helping 6th graders get acclimated and comfortable in the building, as they are still fairly new to middle school.
4. New Position update
  - a. The candidate accepted the new position. She has done instructional coaching before and has worked in the district before. She will start February 1st and Nathan will introduce her to the PAC at the February meeting.
  - b. Star: the PAC talks a lot about student numbers and funding decreasing. Let's look at why the numbers are decreasing; create a survey to see why. Nathan - as a district overall, we are in declining enrollment - which can be tied proportionally to the declining Native student enrollment. This led to a discussion about special education and open enrollment.
5. Resignation
  - a. Adela's last day is Friday. She is moving to Minnesota Twin Cities. She was at both Hillcrest and Brener.
  - b. These were two half time positions and she was doing both. Parapro positions within the district are remaining vacant - not able to fill them.
  - c. We will discuss the budget and see what our options are at a special meeting for posting the position.
6. [Bylaws Discussion](#)
  - a. A small group will meet between monthly meetings to discuss the bylaw suggestions - Star, Crystal, Shannon, Nathan
7. Fundraising
  - a. Fundraise for Senior Recognition gift
    - i. How much do we need to raise?
    - ii. Would need to know how many title kids we have who are graduating - Nathan will have the number of seniors at our next meeting.
  - b. We have a title bank account where we could put the donations.

- c. Ideas:
    - i. Pet drawings - fun!
    - ii. Walmart does matching fundraising
    - iii. 100 Women Who Care - need to be a nonprofit
    - iv. Letter writing campaign, requesting donations from area tribes
    - v. Sell lemonade at the Farmer's market, The Red Barn at County Market (aka the Sausage Barn :))
  - d. A fun idea would be to collect the senior pictures of our graduates and draw pictures of them, frame them and give them to the students as a gift.
  - e. Order masks with the Title logo
8. Next meeting 5:30pm February 10, 2021

**Motion to adjourn: Crystal Lepscier**  
**Second by: Megan Beauprey**  
**All in favor, Motion passes**

**Tracy adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.**