

November 13, 2019 Minutes

In attendance:

Betsy Valora
Kammie Jones
Sue Weierman
Tere Gerber
Maria Miles
Dave Andrews
Jason Troth
Sally Beesley
Danielle Pugh
Andra Taylor
Ani Lauritzen
Tori Dehlin
Christina Anderson
Bettyna Lynes
Sabrina Perkins
Mark Ellermeier
Sarah Timpson
Mike Valdez

Excused: Hillary Dalton and Dave Young

Meeting started at 3:17

Minutes from last meeting are available on website. Please review.

Reconfiguration: Mr. Ellermeier read the vision statement he has prepared. The survey for parents will be sent out at a future, unknown date.

Blood Drive: Ms. Johnson came to present information. This is the 3rd year for our school to have a drive. Students learn facts and take information home. It will be on Dec. 6 from 8:30-3:30. If piercing or tattoos in the last year, you will be unable to donate. Refer to the website for more details. Return papers to Ms. Johnson's room in C-12 or to the front office to make an appointment.

Advisory/Star Time: Students still have the opportunity to get help. They got to the advisory class to take attendance then they can go to another class if their card has been stamped by the other teacher in advance. This change was made in an effort to help students get to class on time and about 100 kids just wandered the halls and were disruptive before the change was made. It is helping the kids be accountable to get help and to be in class.

Star Generals/NJHS: Because of PBG the 7th and 8th grade students do not have a GPA. We are working on different ways to reward the students who are focusing on good scores and attendance. We have talked with other schools to determine rewards for those kids. Eisenhower admin are in the process of figuring out the best way and most fair way to reward. They are contemplating keeping NJHS for the 9th graders. A reminder that teachers should be giving kids opportunities to get 4's. If you are having a problem with the teachers you should consult with the teacher first and then with Eisenhower admin. One parent expressed frustration that her student can't get a good score in PE because of the mile. Another parent is concerned that PBG discourages students who are high achievers and may not be allowed to score highly on the assessments. Mr. Ellermeier will talk again with teachers about giving opportunities to get a 4.

Assessment report and school grade: This seems to be something of the past. There are no school grades available from the RISE test.

Greek Mythology Day: Pretty successful again this year. Teachers and students from all grades participated and will likely happen again next year.

Counselors: They are in the middle of 8th grade CCRP's. They are putting together registration packets for next year and will start registration in January.

PTSA: It was a successful fundraiser and the Halloween Dance went well. There was good support from the kids.

Gear-Up: There is a field trip to the GTI tomorrow for 50 8th graders. The schedule for the rest of the year is basically put together and an email will go out to the parents.

Change to the plan: Because of the high numbers of students at the school this year we have extra FTE and it will not need to come from the Trustland money. Mr. Ellermeier would like to re-allocate the money to help fund materials for ELL and to pay for 2 trainings. He feels that the trainings are a valuable way to improve PLC's and AVID in our school. He would like to take 13 staff members to Orlando in June for the Solutions Tree training. He would also like to take 17 staff members to the AVID training in the summer. Gear-Up would also help fund this conference. It would improve collaboration at the school and help get kids engaged further in learning. Betsy made the motion to re-allocate the money from the FTE to ELL and the trainings we discussed. Kammie made the second. The vote was unanimous to move the money.

Faculty parking: This continues to be a problem. Parents are dropping their kids off in the faculty parking lot. It is dangerous because the kids run between parked cars, in front of on-coming traffic and the parents are not aware of other traffic. Mr. Valdez would like to see the school police officer help enforce the "faculty only" parking or maybe have a parent volunteer. Sarah Timpson suggested having students with cones might help. Unfortunately, parents are in a hurry and don't usually pay attention to the rules. They are dropping their kids on the side of the road and volunteers probably would not be able to stop that. Betsy suggested that we could look into having a traffic bar that employees could use their badges to access the lot. Mr. Ellermeier will look into the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Next meeting Dec. 11 at 3:15 in the Library