

Eisenhower Community Council

December 11, 2019

Media Center

In attendance:

Maria Miles parent/ District Community Council rep	Betsy Valora parent/ School aide/ Community Council Chairperson
Andra Taylor parent	Sue Weierman teacher/ Comm. Council Co-Chair
Ani Lauritzen parent	Tere Gerber school counselor
Mike Valdez teacher	Dave Andrews parent
Sabrina Perkins parent	Jason Trolt parent
Bettyna Lynes parent	Kammie Jones parent
Mark Ellermeier principal	Hillary Dalton parent/ PTSA Pres. / CC Secretary

Betsy called the meeting to order and asked for someone to approve the minutes for November's meeting. Sue approved them and Betsy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The school land trust plan was approved at the Board meeting on December 3rd.

For those involved in the community council, please watch this video about digital citizenship and the School safety plan: <https://youtu.be/oWfSMpozaHM>

Eisenhower is submitting their vision statement to the district for the Taylorsville network reconfiguration. The next step is a survey that the District will be distributing.

The school is trying to decide whether cancelling Advisory is a good thing or not. There are mixed reviews from teachers. If a student needs help they can still go to the class they are struggling in, during advisory. Some students aren't going to the class they need help in because there are already students in room and they may be feeling intimidated. Are the teachers checking students' cards to see if they NEED to go to another class? Or COULD they?

Proficiency Based Grading update: Teachers have been reminded that "4's" are not an impossibility and that they should be allowed. A comment was made that seemed to infer that teachers needed more training. Sue Weierman stated that the problem isn't with the teachers. The problem is with the program itself.

Mr. Ellermeier and Dave Andrews talked about the student drop off situation. There are parents who are still insisting on dropping their children off in the Faculty parking, they are parking in the drop off "loop" and some parents are very confrontational when approached. While Mr. Ellermeier agrees that there are major problems and safety concerns with student drop-off, he just doesn't have enough

manpower to solve the problem, especially when parents get confrontational. Dave Andrews volunteered to put on a yellow vest and help with parking at least for a few days. 😊 Thanks Dave!

The Blood Drive on December 6th was a success. There were 32 donors and 29 units of blood donated. According to Amanda Johnson who spear-headed this project, it is enough blood to help 87 people!

At the last board meeting it was announced that Westbrook and Carl Sandburg elementary schools will be closing. It is unknown if Eisenhower will be affected by these closures.

After school tutoring is available through Gear UP and YMCA. If your student needs extra help, please contact them.

Eisenhower Showcase and 7th grade registration is January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Parent volunteers are needed!! Volunteers need to be there at 5:30 p.m.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be finished by the end of January. Yay counseling center!

PTSA was able to help with vision screening for the 7th and 9th graders. They were also able to buy a loaf of bread (from Great Harvest) for each staff member for Christmas.

There is no NJHS because there are no grades. However, ninth graders are allowed to join NHS at Taylorsville. Contact Ms. Butterfield at the high school if you have questions.

Upcoming Events:

January 8 Community Council, 3:15 p.m., Media Center

January 10 End of Term, No School for Students

January 15 Eisenhower Showcase and 7th grade Registration