

Rosecrest Virtual Community Council Minutes

Date	April 20, 2020
Call to Order	4:04 p.m.
Attending Council Members	Kyle Anderson, Principal Nancy Hardy, Teacher Stacie Henry, Parent Patti Hession, Parent (Late) Sam Sorensen, Parent Lori Thompson, Parent
Absent Council Members	Ben Towers, Parent
Guests	None
Ending Time	4:55 p.m.
Next Schedule Meeting	None

Kyle Anderson welcomed SCC members via Google Meet.

Agenda Items:

**I. 4<sup>TH</sup> Term Grading –**

**What will it look like as in-class school will not resume the remainder of the school year?**

- a. Kyle Anderson (referencing a GSD email sent to all parents) discussed that although Rosecrest has worked hard to become a Proficiency Based Grading school (a more accurate picture of how proficient students are with grade level standards), GSD has asked schools/teachers to continue grading and assessing students as they normally would, but with one change. That change is that teachers will give students a “Pass” or “Incomplete” for report card grades.
- b. In order for a student to be given a “Pass”, he/she must earn higher than a “1” in standard proficiency.
- c. Parents can request a copy of a student’s full number grades (Proficiency Based Grades).
- d. Teachers are still adding grades into Gradebook and assessing what students are learning.

**II. Plan for Students Getting Their Personal Belongings from Desks and Classrooms**

- a. Teachers will put all kid’s personal belongings from desks and classrooms into individual bags with the students’ names on them. Teachers will then put the bags of belongings on tables in the lunchroom (labeled with teachers’ name).
- b. School staff will devise and share a pick-up schedule (using a strategically staggered method) for students to go to school and pick up their bags.
- c. Rosecrest staff and faculty are aiming for pick-up to begin Friday, May 8, 2020.

**III. Chromebook Collection – How and When?**

- a. Classwork will be assigned up through Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Chromebook collection will begin on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**IV. Student Workload - Keeping Students Engaged in Learning**

- a. SCC parent members discussed their views on student workloads during distance learning.
- b. Kyle reported holding a faculty meeting with teachers, Monday, April 20, 2020 – and asking teachers to not introduce new logistics (log ins, downloads, procedures, etc.) – but to stick with what they already had going. He also asked teachers to do a “subtle reduction” in the amount of work they assign to keep participation high.
- c. There is a concern, that now the school dismissal will run through the end of the school year, some families and students will struggle and may quit or give up. Kyle asked teachers to continue assigning good, high-quality distance learning work, with a subtle reduction in workload to encourage continued engagement.

**V. Promotion for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

- a. P.T.A. has been working hard to plan promotions for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- b. Kyle plans to hold a Student Council Meeting soon to discuss with students.
- c. The plan is to do a virtual promotion – essentially make a video. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are currently writing a speech about their time and experiences at Rosecrest. Teachers will then select some of the students to be speakers at the graduation. Students will record themselves giving their speech. Other students will share musical talents and pieces. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to come over to the school to receive a special T-shirt to put on, hold their certificate of promotion from elementary school, and have their picture taken. They will then walk down the hall one final time one by one. A slideshow will be created and released on YouTube so everyone can watch promotion at the same time.
- d. SCC unanimously approved the plan for a Virtual Promotion.

**VI. Wizard of Oz**

- a. Students did one performance of the show prior to the school dismissal. Once the virus hit, the ticketing website refunded all the ticket money, including the money for the Wednesday show. This is disappointing, as the ticket money is a portion of how Rosecrest runs the show and funds the play for the following year. Loss of ticket money and concession money has left funds extremely low for next year’s play; however, the play program at Rosecrest will survive!
- b. What do we do now? Plan A: Rosecrest is still holding on to the hope that students can still perform the play in late June – given large gatherings are lifted. Plan B: If plan A does not play out, could we do it later in July? Plan C: Could we perform “*Wizard of Oz Jr.*” next year? Plan D: Could we do a “live feed” version? Families

would then be able to watch from home. Kyle will check into the live streaming rights.

**VII. Fundraising**

- a. Fundraising is a great concern going forward. Our School Carnival held in the spring generally brings in a majority of our PTA's budget. Not being able to do our school carnival on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will most definitely impact our PTA's budget for next year. Although our PTA has been very wise with their funds, they'll need to be tighter with their money in the upcoming school year. We will likely see a reduction in the number of field trips during the upcoming year. It's hopeful, the PTA might potentially be able to do the school carnival in the fall and move the traditional "no-stress" school fundraiser (Fun Run) to the spring.

**VIII. Rosecrest's BTS Music Program**

Rosecrest's SCC letter to the district, requesting Laurie Peterson remain at Rosecrest for next year, really had a positive impact on the district's decision. The district, respecting our school's desire to have Mrs. Peterson be a more permanent part of Rosecrest and more attached to the community, has decided to keep Mrs. Peterson at Rosecrest for the next school year.

Council Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.