

YESS Program
LAC/Community Council
December 10, 2020 11:30 am
(Google Meet)

Attendees:

Trina Dickinson
Ann Jones
Jason Rosvall
Cara Stephens
Nic Shellabarger
Lisa St. Louis

Brenda Monson
Darcie Peterson
Cindy Willis
Lisa St. Louis
Suki Cannon

COVID:

Discussed Granite School District's response to COVID. Exposure data within the district reveals less than 2% are positive confirmations occurring within school settings. Most (80%) are occurring in the community. Data shows it is important to keep schools open. Every high school in our district has closed at least one time. Granite is addressing how to get students back quicker. Administrators are trained to do the rapid testing on students. YESS has had some positive cases with our staff and students. Cindy indicated that her facility is doing an excellent job coordinating with YESS. Students are tested as they enroll. If they have a possible exposure, they effectively contact tracing. She feels staff, students and teachers are being kept as safe as possible. Lisa indicated that the teachers have been amazing. Students are happy with teaching right now. Kudos to teachers doing a great job. We will get more masks to Salt Lake Valley Youth Center. Please communicate with Jason quickly as you develop needs.

Supplemental Grant:

The grant emphasized a funding focus around post-secondary, professional learning, technology, and positive school culture. Jason discussed the equipment and professional development that was approved for purchase through the supplemental grant process. Many of the items that will be purchased will support the extension of student exposure to elective credit and vocational learning opportunities

Mentoring/Transition Classrooms:

Mentoring:

YESS has had a significant increase in students this year - 275 students to date. We are now serving students in Youth Services, DT and Transition Units through piloting efforts. Early results indicate positive outcomes with academics, attendance, and behaviors. Mentors are working hard to ensure students are receiving needed services. Working with distance learners has been challenging and rewarding. We have a closer relationship with families, caseworkers, and students. Very positive feedback was expressed by Lisa, Trina, and Cindy. Mentoring is making a huge difference in the lives of students.

Transition Units:

We have three units that possess different purposes and goals. We will have 4 graduations within December and are recognizing positive graduation numbers overall. Once kids see a pathway to achieve their goals, they are becoming very engaged. Please reach out to Ann with any suggestions

Technology:

Our technology specialists attended a training last week that included Canvas training. We are limited in some of our secure facilities with Wi-Fi and Chromebook accessibility. Please let Brenda know any limitations at your facility and let her know how we can move forward with technology support at your site. If your facility staff need any tech training, contact Brenda and we will provide assistance.

YESS Happenings/Website:

- Tech team attended ISTE training last week. Focus was on virtual learning
- Art projects at DSI and DT
- Long term students at DT
- STEM-CAP, now in a distance learning mode
- New Social Studies teacher at Decker Lake, Brian Fauver

Open Discussion:

Please email Jason if there is a certain issue that you would like to see addressed in this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2021