

Dean Rusk School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Time: 4:30-5:45

Location: Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19

Members Present:

- Dawn Weinbaum – Principal
- Andrew Carwile – Certified Teacher
- Robyn West – Certified Teacher; Secretary
- Eric Fortner – Business Partner- Chairperson
- Chanda Schwab – Parent Representative
- Mitzi Hamilton – Parent Representative Chair
- Julie George – Parent Representative Vice Chair
- Audrey Brown – Parent Representative

Via Microsoft Teams, Ms. Weinbaum called the meeting to order. She thanked the council for their support during the reopening of school. Although, the beginning of the year is quite different, she is thrilled to be back with her staff and students. Principal Weinbaum explained how important it is for the students to be back in a routine for both social and emotional health. She also praised her teachers for the fabulous job they are doing with both the Face-To-Face students and Digital students. Principal Weinbaum then shared the School Council Training PowerPoint which included the Reform Act (why and how school council was formed) and the responsibility of the School Council (the link between school and community)

FTF AND DIGITAL LEARNERS

Ms. Weinbaum explained the difference between the Face-To-Face Learners and the Digital Learners. Face-To-Face Learners are in a setting that is as normal as possible given the circumstances. Students are socially distance when possible. Digital students and teachers have had some bumps along the way. For example, posting of assignments needed to be more streamlined, so the teachers were trained on how, when, and where to post assignments. Apex is the self-directed curriculum for the digital learners. Some parents were confused with this at the beginning and thought there would be a live-instruction teacher for these classes. The county heard the parents' concerns of not having live instruction and have now hired online teachers who meet with the students twice a week to give instruction. They are still working on ways to improve the online learning setting. Ms. Schwab's children are digital learners and she reported that teachers have been extremely helpful but the addition of online teachers giving instructions twice a week has been even more helpful.

While on the topic of digital learning, Ms. Weinbaum explained to the committee how the quarantine students continue their learning. Once quarantined the students are to continue completing assignments through Canvas. She then explained the quarantine protocol. Ms. Weinbaum, her administrative team, and nurse meet with the county Lead nurse when a case arises. The Lead nurse then contacts the Department of Public Health for further instruction. Students who are in close contact (withing 6 ft for more than 15 minutes) are

then quarantined, and parents of the school are informed via letter. Ms. Weinbaum is so appreciative of all the parent being so supportive during this unprecedented time. Mr. Fortner praised CCSD for the re-opening plan of the schools. He believes everyone has done an exceptional job!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The school will focus on improving Math and ELA scores this year. We are focused on student achievement in these areas to increase growth. Teachers meet weekly in PLC (Professional Learning Communities) to discuss student strengths and weaknesses. From these discussions, lessons are designed or redesigned to meet the students' needs.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

DRMS will continue the 7 Mindsets curriculum this year to meet the students social and emotional learning needs. These lessons are taught on a weekly basis during the 25-minute Chieftain Chat time. These lessons focus on Attitude of Gratitude, Being Kind, and goal setting. Along with these lessons, the county SEL lessons are also implemented once a month. These lessons are focused on self-management, time management, and goal setting as well. Over the next week, the students will be given the Panorama Survey which will give teachers data on the students social and emotional strengths and weaknesses. Ms. Weinbaum emailed a letter to parents making them aware of the survey. The digital learners along with their parents will receive the letter too.

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Cheer tryouts began the week of September 28

Basketball tryouts will begin October 19

Both Basketball and Cheerleading practice may begin the week of October 26.

As of right now, there are no clubs, but this may change for the second quarter. Curriculum and Instruction is meeting with the superintendent and they will give us further directions on how to move forward with clubs.

PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Ms. Weinbaum gave everyone a copy of the Principal Leadership Qualities and ask for everyone to read and if any revisions or updates need to be added please let her know. These qualities will then be adopted and submitted.

TRENDS IN EDUCATION/COUNTY INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None mentioned

Q & A

1. Will there be any plays or concerts?

As of now, the district says there will be no assemblies of any kind. Nor will there be any field trips this year. Ms. Weinbaum will get further clarification about concerts. She mentioned that the band students wear masks that have a mouthpiece for

the instruments and the instrument has a cover as well. The students have a bucket with kitty litter in it to soak up the saliva when instruments are emptied. Chorus students also wear masks when singing as well as have class outside weather permitting.

2. What are the checkout Procedures?

Parents will ring the doorbell at the front of the school, show the ID in the Camera. Door will be opened, and parents will report to the front office. There will be a cart with a slip of paper to fill out (Name of student, grade, etc.). After filling out, the paper is dropped into a box. Then parents are to wait in the atrium for the student.

Ms. Weinbaum thanked all council members for their participation and the meeting was adjourned.