

School Council Meeting Minutes: 2/4/2021

Date: 2.4.2021

Meeting Time: 4:00 PM

Meeting Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Called By: J. Mark Smith and Norma Kelly

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Principal: J. Mark Smith

Note Taker: Sawyer Henderson

Board Attendees: Greg West, Sawyer Henderson, Mina Borrero, Norma Kelly, Julie Olvin, Sean Kaufman, Tanya Robson, Matt McKenna, Evelyn James, Robert Tidwell

Guest Attendees: Meagan Biello

Agenda Items:

Time: 5 Minutes

Topic: Hiring Updates

Presenter: Meagan Biello

Discussion: Due to Mr. Smith being in a called meeting, Mrs. Biello presided over the School Council as the administrative represented.

She discussed with the Council how vacancies are posted on the website in addition to announcing the upcoming job fair which will occur on Saturday, March 6th.

Time: 15 Minutes

Topic: CTAE Courses & Registration

Presenter: Meagan Biello

Discussion: Mrs. Biello presented to the Council where to find information regarding registration information and CTAE course offerings on the Woodstock High School website (link included below). She also announced two new offerings for students next year:

1. Pending the hire of a new teacher, students will have an opportunity to complete a firefighting pathway. Students already take the introduction class through the law pathway, so potentially, students will be able to take the second course offering next year.

2. Additionally, there will be a Cybersecurity Pathway offered county-wide. There is a prerequisite requirement of Intro to Digital Technology or specific Computer Science courses.
 - a. The class will be a block period at the ACE Campus during a 1st and 2nd Period schedule, with the students also having 3rd period lunch.
 - b. Students must provide their own transportation between campuses, but the addition of the 3rd period lunch allows for ample transition time.
 - c. Both A and B sections of the first course will be taught in first semester, with the 2nd level course (both A and B sections) will be taught second semester.
 - d. As an incentive and due to a partnership, the top four graduates of the program who finish the pathway will receive a job opportunity valued at \$125,000/year with benefits.

Questions:

Q: Ms. Borrero asked if middle school students who had taken Intro to Digital Technology in 8th grade would be eligible for the pathway their freshman year of high school.

A: Mrs. Biello could not confirm this information at this point, but reminded the Council that students will need to provide their own transportation. She said she would follow-up with the Council once she received an answer.

Conclusions: Mrs. Biello will follow-up on the question raised by Ms. Borrero and provide an update to the Council when she has more information.

The link to the Student Services page on the Woodstock High School homepage is:
<https://www.cherokeek12.net/woodstockhs/Content2/woodstockhs-student-services>

Time: 5 Minutes

Topic: School Updates

Presenter: Meagan Biello

Discussion: Mrs. Biello presented an overview of the outreach Woodstock High School does on media, using the school's Facebook as an example. She also encouraged Council members to drive around the school to see the construction efforts undertaken in the building of the new Auxiliary Gymnasium.

Conclusions: Mrs. Biello asked that if there is a post made on social media, the Council members are encouraged to share the post.

Time: 15 Minutes

Topic: COVID-19 Updates

Presenter: Meagan Biello

Discussion: Mrs. Biello went over updates on COVID-19 cases and quarantining procedures as they directly affect Woodstock High School. An overview of the process is as follows:

- I. When a positive case is reported to admin, a phone call to the parent is made, and sometimes admin may talk with the student, if necessary.
- II. A form is then completed and sent to the Lead Nurse that is then passed to the Department of Public Health.
- III. If a positive case is confirmed, close contact tracing is then conducted by classroom by conducting individual teachers requesting seating charts in order to determine who is considered a close contact.
- IV. Administration may start collecting this information before communication from DPH, but there must be confirmation before administration can announce the quarantine.
- V. Once confirmation is received, a personal phone call is made to every single case, where administration will then review the entire process with parents/guardians. A form is also processed for every close contact.
- VI. The following process is in effect when determining how long a student must remain in quarantine:
 - a. If a student shows no symptoms and they have a negative test, they can return after 7 days, but they must wear a mask until the 15th day after initial exposure.
 - b. If a student shows no symptoms, but does not have a test, they can return after 10 days, but they must wear a mask until the 15th day after initial exposure.
 - c. If a student is symptom-free, they may return after 14 days with the option to wear a mask.

VII. Mrs. Biello stressed the importance of trying to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also trying to keep schools open. She also reminded the Council that there is no quota or set guidelines for how many quarantines will close a school; it is all on a case-by-case basis. She shared that the school has been receiving phone calls regarding this and wanted to make the Council aware.

Questions:

Q: Mr. Kaufman asked if the process would change to rule out false positives by requiring students who test positive but show no symptoms, to be allowed to test again, and if the test is then negative, could they return to school under the guidance posted above?

A: Mrs. Biello clarified that, at this time, the process has not changed

Q: Ms. Borrero asked if the questions about schools being opened were directed at Woodstock High School, specifically? Or, if it was county-wide?

A: Ms. Biello explained that Woodstock, specifically, has received these phone calls and questions, but other schools could be experiencing the same questions. At this time, she does not have direct knowledge of this.

Time: 5 Minutes

Topic: Final Questions

Discussion:

Q: Ms. Borrero asked a follow-up question on how to better support and/or help teachers.

A: Mrs. Biello shared that she had just met with PTSA regarding this same topic and they are also working on ideas. She explained that a large part of this is helping to make sure teachers keep their “cups full” because it is hard “to pour from an empty cup.” She also said several teachers had asked about jeans days or jeans weeks. She further clarified that teachers receive a jeans day on Friday’s, but teachers generally appreciate additional jeans days throughout the year.

Conclusions: There was also a suggestion brought up regarding providing hot coffee, tea, or snacks for teachers. In closing, Meagan reminded the Council to view the website for course offerings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM by Mrs. Biello.