

**Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 25, 2021**

**In attendance:** Regina Hailey Smith, Falcia Harvey, Victoria Dixon- Mokeba, Debbie Billings, David Wheeler, Ariella Hughes, Sheila Myers, Carroll Kelley, Nathaniel Graham, Sheila Myers, Courtney Godwin, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda Rogers

**Welcome and Introduction**

Meeting was called to order by Regina Hailey-Smith in Dr. Washington's absence. The meeting was virtual. Carroll Kelley, assistant principal, was in attendance due to Mr. Hasinger's absence.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved, with one correction of the spelling of Courtney's last name. It should read "Godwin " not "Goodwin".

**SIC Goals**

- Mr. Hasinger has given approval of a parent survey that asks:
  1. Where do you get your information regarding Dreher?
  2. How do you communicate with Dreher staff and teachers?
  3. Do you have a preferred method of communication?
- The next step is to get the survey out by these methods:
  1. Via phone blast
  2. The Dreher website
  3. In the weekly parent communication from Mr. Hasinger
- The survey should pertain to first semester, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and again 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Regina Hailey stated she would like to receive the feedback from parents to see how they are involved.
- Debbie Billings hopes the analysis can be done quickly enough to benefit communication techniques this year.
- Ariella Hughes shared she remembered completing the questionnaire before and feels it would be helpful to add a disclaimer that said, "We know you have completed this survey before. With Covid things have changed. We would appreciate you answering our questions again.
- The survey will be updated and placed on the Dreher website. SIC members can view the survey there and provide feedback to Dr. Washington.
- There was also discussion regarding selling the Dreher face mask as a fundraiser. It was noted that the PTO does not have 501c3 status so we cannot use their 501c3 number.
- The question was asked if we still want to proceed with the face mask fundraiser. Debbie Billings stated she thought it was important to support mask wearing.
- Regina said she would follow-up with Dr. Washington to get things started for the facemask fundraiser as well as try to work out some of the logistics.
- David Wheeler expressed that using PayPal as a method of payment may not be viable. He suggested checking on the liability and tax implications of using PayPal

## **Principal's Report**

### **COVID**

- Uncertain on 02/01/21 return at this time
- Parent disposition survey is being distributed via email from the district this evening. It is very important that ALL parents complete this quick survey.
- Staffing seems to be a primary concern, but parent feedback will be weighted heavily moving forward.
- We had to quarantine four of winter sports teams in January, but they are all back in action this week.
- We currently have 1 positive employee, 7 employee quarantines, 3 student positives, and 47 student quarantines. (these are active cases, not cumulative)

### **ACADEMICS**

- More than two-thirds of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students met their reading and math growth goals as measured by Renaissance Learning's STAR Assessment for Reading and Math. The STAR assessments are nationally normed and evaluate grade level growth, state standard advancement, national percentile growth, and student growth percentile.
- Face-to-Face ACT testing in February. (only those that signed up)
- Face-to-Face SAT testing in March. (only those that signed up)
- EOC testing is in limbo – may be waived by the new federal Secretary of Education.
- If EOCs are waived, we will administer a comprehensive exam in EOC courses designed by Case TE21 via Mastery Connect to gauge summative student learning in late April/May.
- Primary issues with eLearning at this point: student engagement and making sure our at-risk students are completing learning tasks and assignments. However, it looks like grades and attendance are improving at this time.
- MAJOR focus on our at-risk seniors and at-risk ninth graders. We have pulled in district-level employees to assist with these initiatives/mentoring. All hands on deck!

### **SIC**

- A parental engagement survey will be sent out later this week on behalf of SIC to capture where/how parents have been able to engage in school despite COVID.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

- We recently had 12 members of our Dreher Orchestra accepted in the SCMEA Regional Orchestra – a competitive, audition-only group.
- All of our Fine Arts programs have completed at least one significant virtual or modified performance – many are available on YouTube.
- Our Mock Trial team is preparing for its upcoming competition (we made it to the state level last year, ...fingers crossed).
- We recently had two students receive early acceptance to MIT.

**New Topics/General Discussion**

- The question was asked - Is the EOC going to be waived?
- Kevin Kirkley replied that the State Superintendent has requested a waiver and is waiting on a response from the Federal Government.
- If the EOC is waived there will be some computerized testing.

Next SIC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30.