

Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting

Minutes

October 26, 2020

In attendance: Gloria Washington, Regina Hailey Smith, Falcia Harvey, Sheila Myers, Ariella Hughes, Kevin Hasinger, Victoria Dixon- Mokeba, Deborah Billings, Michelle McDonald, David Wheeler, Nathaniel Graham, Courtney Goodwin, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda Rogers

Welcome and Introduction

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gloria Washington. The meeting was virtual. Dr. Washington welcomed everyone including the four new members: Deborah Billings, Victoria Dison-Mokeba, Michelle McDonald and David Wheeler. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented.

Purpose of SIC and Goals

- A description and the purpose of the SIC is posted on the Dreher website
- The SIC handbook can be downloaded from <https://sic.sc.gov/>
- The SIC also serves as the NNPS Action Team
- At the next meeting goals will be discussed for this year.
- Things to consider – do we maintain the same goals - as last year was cut short

SIC Officers' Election

- There was discussion regarding the election for the 2020/2021 school year
- Mr. Hasinger recommended maintaining the slate of officers from the 2019/2020 school year
Motion made by Victoria Dison-Mokeb, Seconded by Debbie Billings. Passed
Motion: To keep the same officers as the 2019/2020 school year.
Officers: Chairperson: Gloria Washington
Co-Chairperson: Regina Hailey Smith
Secretary: B-Linda Rogers

Principal's Report

- Mr. Hasinger shared athletics was going strong. Tennis is in the second round of playoffs. JV football is the best it has been since 2004. Two 9th graders have just been pulled to varsity. Varsity has two more games. Homecoming is 11/4 game with Keenan. Homecoming will serve as a fundraiser for Dreher student with leukemia. Swim team is 8th in the state and has a gold medalist.
- Band and Dance are doing recordings for virtual competitions
- Theatre is wrapping up the Laramie Project
- Orchestra is hosting a drive-in event in the parking lot -**Symphony Cinematic: A Drive-In Movie Music Experience**
- Walk for Life is in progress
- March of Dimes is being done, but for staff only
- Information on Hybrid Phase 2 was presented
- Students will be divided into Cohort 1 (460 students) and Cohort 2 (430 students) and will physically be in the building either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday
- There are 260 students who will stay virtual all year
- Due to planning ahead Dreher was able to accommodate 100% of the requests to move in and out of virtual learning
- There are mitigation strategies in place as students and staff may become ill.
- There were several questions put forward by SIC members
- Question regarding lunch times – Answer: 3rd period teacher know which lunch the students will go to

- Question- Does Dreher need to receive something in writing to let school know if their child will be attending hybrid or virtual? Answer: It would help to know ahead of time and allow for advance prep.
- Question: Has there been a mechanism created for parents to express concerns/questions (other than email). Answer: There can be a generic form generated, that is totally anonymous.
- Question: Is there a possibility to wait and see how the two days a week goes before committing to the Phase 2 model? Answer: Dreher is set up so the student can start at any time.
- While in the building students must wear masks (unless they have a medical condition) and can wear a shield. Everyone has to wear a PPE
- Question: Do students have plexi glass on their desks? Answer: Desks are appropriately spaced and do have plexi glass. All the plexi glass is facing the same way as recommended.
- Question: How many desks are in a class Answer: It varies, with the smallest having one desk and the largest having 17. Some of the larger classes will not be held in person.
- In theory students can be placed as close as three feet. Dreher will not place students that close together.
- Mr. Hasinger asked if parents have seen the Phase 2 schedule. He pulled up the schedule and reviewed it.
- Wednesday is an asynchronous day where students will check in with the teacher and maybe have a mini session but is a time to catch up.

New Topics/General Discussion

- Michelle McDonald read the SIC Report and felt there was a small text omission (3rd paragraph, back page) Dr. Washington stated she would review the document.
- Someone asked about the mask Mr. Hasinger was wearing. He shared both the band and athletic department had masks. Some people expressed an interest in purchasing a Dreher mask.
- Falcia Harvey suggested selling the Dreher masks as a fundraiser for the student who has Leukemia. There was consensus this would be a good idea.
- Debbie Billings was very complimentary of the staff and the work that went into scheduling.
- Mr. Hasinger noted Dreher had plenty of masks for students. The Chinese American organization gave Dreher 5000 masks.
- Ms. Hasinger did note the need for more disinfecting wipes. Everything has to be wiped down after each class. A suggestion was to ask parents/community to buy extra wipes for Dreher.
- In closing Mr. Hasinger expressed appreciation to Dr. Washington for making sure the SIC has a purpose and is goal driven.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, November 23, 2020 at 5:30

