

**Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting
Minutes
November 21, 2022**

In attendance: Debbie Billings, David Wheeler, John Humphries, Regina Hailey-Smith, Maya Pack, Kevin Hasinger, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda Rogers

Meeting called to order

Debbie Billings called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 2022 – passed

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Dreher Cluster Event

B-Linda Rogers, Parent and Family Engagement Specialist, shared information about the upcoming Dreher Cluster event. The District has charged each cluster with hosting an event for students, parents and families. Each school's SIC should participate in the planning and execution of the event. The Dreher Cluster has decided to build on the Thrive with the Hive event that Hand did last year. The event is carnival like in nature with field games, outdoor games, school group performances, school information and registration tables, food trucks and a game truck. The tentative date is Saturday, April 22, 2023. Memorial Stadium is proposed as the site for the event.

English Language Learners and Families

English language learners are a rapidly growing population at Dreher. The two main languages are Spanish and Farsi. Dr. Hasinger identified the top three needs of our ELL population:

1. Academic Support. ELL students are attending regular ELA and math classes. Dr. Hasinger feels Dreher has this is covered.
2. Parent Engagement
3. Attendance – as a subgroup this population is at or near the bottom for attendance

Dr. Hasinger noted that Dr. Rogerson is planning to have two evening events for the ELL families. She did this last year but it was more towards the end of the year. This year she is hoping to do it sooner. Given the need to encourage more parent/family engagement and improve attendance within the ELL population is this something the Dreher SIC would like to identify as the goal(s) for this year? If so the goals and the action plan to meet the goals will need to be created. Dr. Hasinger noted he would include Dr. Rogerson, Dr. Hodis and B. Rogers in a brainstorming session to identify ways to encourage support and growth in the ELL families. The information will be presented prior to the next SIC meeting.

SIC General Elections

In order to allow parents of 9th grade students the opportunity to participate in this year's SIC election we will hold the SIC election in January 2023. Nominations will be accepted in December 2022. Dr. Hasinger noted we are still in compliance with the state mandates. Ms. Billings noted that she will work on making sure Dreher parents are aware of the SIC meetings, by asking Dr. Hasinger to include a reminder in his emails a week before the meeting. She will also reach to Ms. Sharpe to have the meeting put on the marquee and to Ms. Thunnell to make sure the SIC meeting dates are posted on social media. The agendas and minutes are posted on the Dreher website on a regular basis.

Principal's Report

Since we met last time:

- Weapon detector program has been implemented. Ups and downs, but it is getting better daily.
- IGP meetings have begun for underclassmen w/ counselors. Invitations will be distributed to both students and parents.
- On 11/17, Dreher hosted a "principal for the day" as part of the Richland One initiative. Our "principal for the day" was Executive Director Kevin Shwedo of the SCDMV.
- Fall sports have now come to an end and winter sports are beginning. We had a total of three state championships this fall: Individual State Champion in 3A Girls Tennis, Individual State Championship in 3A Boys Cross Country, and Team State Championship in 3A Boys Cross Country. Additionally, our Girls Tennis team made it to the 3rd round of the playoffs, our Volleyball team to the 1st round of the playoffs, and our Girls Cross Country team to the state finals.
- Twelve students from Dreher were accepted into the SCMEA Midlands Regional Orchestra. Many of these are now eligible to audition for All-State.
- Nine students from Dreher were accepted into SCMEA All-State Guitar Ensemble.
- Twenty-eight Chorus students were accepted into the Richland County Honors Chorus. Many of these are now eligible to audition for All-State.
- Our Marching Band finished 2nd at the SCBDA Lower State Championships and 7th in the SCBDA State Championships.
- Theatre presented four performances of the musical "Carrie" at the end of October. Ten of our theatre students also received superior ratings at the Richland One District Theatre Festival.
- Dozens of students have been inducted into our inaugural class the National Technical Honor Society, an honor society focused on performance in Career and Technology (CTE) courses.
- Key Club, Kindness Club, and National Honor Society recently completed a very successful food drive for Harvest Hope.
- Youth in Government competed at the YMCA Conference recently, with multiple bills being advanced to the Governor's desk and some being fully passed.
- Our special education department recently sponsored a Unified Spirit Special Olympic-sponsored basketball event involving Columbia HS, AC Flora HS, and Dreher HS. It was a hugely successful event involving over 200 special and regular education students.
- Dreher's social workers and family engagement specialist are facilitating support programs for our families for both Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.
- Thanksgiving break – 11/23-11/25.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, December 19th at 5:30 in Principal's Conference Room at Dreher or via Zoom