

**Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 23, 2020**

**In attendance:** Gloria Washington, Regina Hailey Smith, Falcia Harvey, Victoria Dixon- Mokeba, Debbie Billings, Michelle McDonnell, David Wheeler, Sheila Myers, Carroll Kelley, Nathaniel Graham, Courtney Godwin, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gloria Washington. The meeting was virtual. Dr. Washington welcomed everyone. 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 Michelle's last name. It should read "McDonnell" not "McDonald".

Dr. Washington gave a shoutout to Mr. Hasinger for updating the SIC information. It is complete and the Dreher SIC is in compliance.

**SIC Goals**

- Last year the first SIC goal was to build and maintain a presence on the Dreher website. That was successfully done. Now the goal is to make sure information is updated monthly or as needed. The SIC meeting agenda should be posted prior to the meeting and SIC minutes should be posted after they are approved.
- In a non-pandemic environment, anyone can attend a SIC meeting. Now that meetings have gone virtual an invitation has to be sent to be allowed into the meeting. Is there something we can do to make people aware of the meeting so they can request an invitation to attend if they would like to do so? A suggestion was made to ask Mr. Hasinger to create a Google form that would allow interested folks to attend.
- The second goal was to encourage and measure parental involvement by using surveys. This was being implemented until COVID-19. It was thought this would be a good thing to start again, to see how and if parents are currently engaging. A question on the survey might be- "Do you feel disconnected from the school because of COVID?" Dr. Washington said she would also be interested to know how parents and teachers are communicating during COVID.
- Debbie Billings asked if the survey was translated into languages other than English so all populations could participate. Dr. Washington stated she would reach out to Mr. Hasinger to ask about translation into other languages. Perhaps there could be an invitation for parents of non-English speakers to email their questions for answers.
- The purpose of the survey was to gather numbers to gauge where we were and how we could enhance future engagement. It was felt we should continue with the survey, but modify by asking these questions:
  1. How do you get general information pertaining to Dreher?
  2. How do you communicate?
  3. Do you have a preferred method of communication?

Questions that do not pertain to this year should be eliminated.

The main goal is to increase the number of parents who complete the survey.

- Mr. Kirkley stated he had not heard about the EOC survey. He thinks the State Superintendent is waiting to hear from the federal government.
- The point was made that the demographic options are not all inclusive, such as Black, Caucasian and "other" or male and female options do not include non-binary people. This led to questioning who actually formulated the wording on the school report card and how can we go about making suggestions for changes that will represent all students.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Carroll Kelley presented in Mr. Hasinger's absence.

- Hybrid attendance is off to a good start. There is still a percentage that remain virtual.
- Fall sports have started. Basketball had their first scrimmage and there was a good turnout for wrestling tryouts
- The Dreher theater is presenting the *Laramie Project* with its debut on December 20th
- Dreher raised over \$1000 for the March of Dimes
- Dreher school counselors and administration is reaching out to students to encourage attendance.
- There was some discussion about selling Dreher masks as a fundraiser. Would this be project for the Booster Club, or would this be a fundraiser to assist the student who has cancer? The turnaround time for the masks is about 6 weeks.
- If this is done as a fundraiser for the student, we would need to figure out the mechanism for doing that as the SIC is not a 501c3 organization. Dr. Washington stated she would reach out to the Foundation to see if they would be interested in assisting with this and accepting the money.
- Debbie Billings said the campaign for the disinfectant wipes has been slow. She has not had any dropped off at her house. She is unsure if any have been dropped off at Dreher.

### **New Topics/General Discussion**

- There was a shout out to Mr. Tucker for the strings concert. His creativity is applauded.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 28th. Since this is during holiday break there will not be a meeting. The meeting in January will be January 25th at 5:30
- The survey should be in place by this meeting
- Debbie Billings suggested a thank you be sent to the Dreher faculty and staff in appreciation for their hard work and getting us through the first semester. She will be happy to take the lead on this effort.

Motion to adjourn - Michelle McDonnell

Seconded - Debbie Billings

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is January 25, 2021 at 5:30.