

**Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 19, 2022**

**In attendance:** Debbie Billings, David Wheeler, John Humphries, Leslie Roth, Regina Hailey-Smith, Melonie, B-Linda Rogers

**Meeting called to order**

Debbie Billings called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

November 2022 minutes approved as presented. There was discussion regarding when the minutes should be posted on the Dreher website. The general consensus was only after the minutes were approved should they be posted.

**Goals for Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners (ELL) and Families**

Dr. Billings presented a draft set of goals to help meet the needs of ELL.

1. Dreher (with the support of the Dreher SIC) will host at least two parent/student engagement events for ELL students and families.
2. Dreher ( with the support of the Dreher SIC) will provide direct support to multi-lingual families through messages, phone calls and homevisits, school based meetings to improve the attendance rate by 2.5%
3. Dreher ( with the support of the Dreher SIC) will offer onsite and virtual tutoring sessions for MLL in an effort to reach a met goal of 75% in the reading and math STAR assessment

B-Linda Rogers updated the SIC on the recent meeting she and Dr. Hasinger had with Dr. Rogerson and Dr. Hodis. Dr. Rogerson is over the ESOL program at Dreher. Dr. Rogerson feels the best way to have an impact is to start with the students, especially in high school. She noted cultural differences that need to be acknowledged and understood to have the most impact. Ideas discussed: 30-minute presentations to her classes that talked about a variety of topics including the importance of good attendance and staying in school. It would be great if our Dreher MLL students could hear from people with whom they can identify- in terms of language, experience, background etc. The possibility of a mentoring program was also mentioned. Dr. Hodis suggested a few key parents in the community who can encourage and get information out to additional parents.

With this information the Dreher SIC discussion gravitated towards a mentoring program, perhaps peer mentoring to start out with. Students from Ms. Mesimer's Spanish classes were thought to be a possibility for peer mentors for Spanish speaking students. Families mentoring Families was also mentioned, there was a question if the district would allow this due to liability concerns. Inviting Dr. Rogerson, Dr. Hodis and Ms. Mesimer to the next SIC meeting was proposed.

**Dreher Cluster Event**

B-Linda Rogers, Parent and Family Engagement Specialist, shared that the Parent and Family Engagement Specialists had met and were looking at Memorial Stadium as a possible location for the Dreher Cluster Event. This has been explored with Coach Jarvis and the district. Memorial Stadium cannot be reserved for use until the spring sports schedule has not been set, which should be at the end of January.

## **Principal's Report**

Principal's Report to SIC

Monday – 12/19/22, 5:30 pm

Since we met last time:

- At our last meeting, I noted that the weapon detector program had begun and we were working on speeding that process up for students. We are down to 8:00 am at our back entrances about 8:05 am at our front entrance.
- Our National Honor Society is holding a warm clothes drive through January 29. Donations can be made in the front office.
- As always, our visual and fine arts are doing a wonderful job around campus and in the community. There were many winter concerts and art showings throughout December and our Show Choir just performed in two assisted living facilities in the Lexington area.
- Winter sports are off to a good start. A notable success is our Varsity Boys Basketball Team's defeat of 4A AC Flora and 5A Dutch Fork. Both our boys and girls basketball teams recently volunteered at Harvest Hope Food Bank.
- Six students were accepted into the Richland One Honors Dance Company.
- NJROTC has been busy and very active in the community. A large group just participated in some leadership training at Paris Island.
- Speech, Debate, eSports, and Robotics competed at the regional level successfully since our last meeting. All three will continue competition in the spring. Several of our computer science students are preparing to compete in state competition at the College of Charleston.
- Our student athletic council held a fundraiser flag-football event recently to raise money for upcoming events. Co-ed, campus groups formed their own teams and competed against one another.
- Dreher recently had a small financial audit, as well as an audit of our attendance work and human resource compliance. We did very well in all three. Dreher does not have a P-card issue and no district or state-department findings were associated with our school.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next meeting is Monday, January 23 at 5:30 in Principal's Conference Room at Dreher or via Zoom**

***Changed to Feb 13 2023***