

## **Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**September 26, 2022**

**In attendance:** Debbie Billings, David Wheeler, Regina Hailey-Smith, John Humphries, Andrea Black Evans, Karen Robinson –Grindley, Kevin Hasinger, Kevin Kirkley, B-Linda Rogers

#### **Meeting called to order**

Meeting was called to order by Debbie Billings. Everyone was welcomed to the first SIC Meeting of the Year. Introductions were made.

Dr. Billings shared that Gloria Washington, last year's chair, has rolled off of the SIC. As a SIC we need to elect officers for the current year.

Motion: Debbie Billings will serve as the SIC chair for the 2022-2023 school year. PASSED

John Humphries volunteered to serve as the co-chair.

Officers for the 2022-2023

Chair – Debbie Billings

Co-Chair – John Humphries

Secretary – B-Linda Rogers

Regina Hailey-Smith will continue to serve but as a community member, not a parent. Michelle McLeod has decided not to participate with the SIC this year due to another commitment.

Question was asked if we needed to amend the SIC bylaws to reflect our membership. After discussion the decision was to keep the bylaws as they are.

Dr. Billings stated there are three students that have expressed an interest in serving on the SIC. According to the bylaws there should be student representation. Dr. Hasinger stated he would let the students know the SIC is a body they can work through for change. A suggestion was made to get at least one member of the Dreher Student Council as a representative on the SIC. Dr. Billings will reach out to Ms. Finley the faculty sponsor of the student council.

Dr. Hasinger reviewed the role of the SIC stating that it serves in an advisory role to the principal and administration of the school. The Dreher SIC has also done teacher appreciation events. Dr. Billings will ask Karen Utter, Associate Director of SC-SIC, to present at the next meeting to further clarify the role of the SIC.

#### **SIC Goals**

A possible goal for this year would be to work with ELL (multilingual) families. This is a population that continues to grow. Dreher ELL students are the lowest performing subgroup for reading and math. Points of discussion included - what are the needs of our ELL families, what does the district provide, how could the SIC best serve them. Dr. Billings will follow up with Ernesto Bernal ESOL Coordinator for Richland One. B-Linda Rogers will follow up with Dr. Rogerson, ESOL Coordinator for Dreher High School and Ms. Black Evans will generate questions for a parent survey.

#### **Principal's Report**

- School year has gotten off to a strong start:
  - Participation in our cultural arts programs is up.
  - Participation in honors/AP/dual-credit courses is up.
  - Participation in fall sports is up.
  - Participation in school-based student organizations/clubs is up.
  - Attendance is steady when compared to last year.

- Discipline is down compared to last year.
- Last year's data points:
  - Data is still embargoed (October SC BOC meeting)
    - Graduation rate was tied for the highest in school history (90.2% on 4-year cohort)
    - Drop-out rate was very low, less than 1%.
    - College/Career Readiness rate was in the mid-60s
    - Algebra EOC – mid-60s
    - Biology EOC – mid-60s
    - English EOC – low-80s
    - US History – TBD
    - Roughly 72% of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students met their individualized growth goal in Math (via STAR)
    - Roughly 65% of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students met their individualized growth in Reading (via STAR)
- This year's data points thus far:
  - Roughly 31% of our 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above the national proficiency mark as determined by STAR
  - Roughly 58% of our 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above the national proficiency mark as determined by STAR
  - Individualized growth goals have been established and will be progress monitored in December and then again in April.
  - Our ELLs (multilingual) students are in the lowest performing subgroup for both subjects.
- Faculty updates:
  - Mr. Penney lost his father, AP Kelley lost his father-in-law
  - A few faculty members have been out with COVID, but it has been very manageable.
  - Ms. Vargas had to retire due to husband's health – tough situation, having trouble finding a long-term sub or a replacement.
- Changes coming in the future:
  - Homecoming game, pep rally, parade shifted to Thursday
  - Weapon detectors
  - School security associate w/ improved training for our monitors

Possible requirement of student ID to enter varsity football and basketball games

Meeting adjourned

**SIC MONTHLY MEETING TIME: Mondays, 5:30 pm**

**October 24: Preliminary agenda items:**

- Representative from the main SIC office (located at the College of Education at U of South Carolina) to present on what other SICs are doing around the state (Debbie to invite)
- Follow-up on ideas generated in September meeting for SIC work

**November 21**

**December 12**

**LOCATION: DREHER HS**

*Please arrive by 5:20 so we can start the meeting at 5:30*