

Dreher School Improvement Council Meeting

Minutes

November 18, 2019

In attendance: Gloria Washington, , Falicia Harvey, Laura Alghothani, David Edmond, Tasya Washington, Sheila Myers, Brendan Reynolds Stoianov, Saundra Smith, Karen Robinson-Grindley, Kevin Kirkley, Courtney Godwin, Donna Jones, Regina Hailey Smith, Kevin Hasinger, B-Linda Rogers

Approval of minutes

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gloria Washington. Minutes approved

Clarification was made regarding the parent survey– all grade level parents have the opportunity to complete the survey. Only the 11th grade students take the student engagement survey. Dr. Coleman is going to provide a statement to clarify survey information.

SIC Goals and Action Plans

- Dr. Gloria Washington and Debbie Kinder attended the district SIC meeting. The Superintendent spoke. There was general discussion of the role of the SIC. There were cluster discussions about the SIC and goals. Hand and Dreher were together for this discussion. Mr. Hasinger noted his appreciation for representation at the district meeting.
- Dr. Gloria Washington presented an overview of the SIC Goals. See document distributed, "SIC Annual Goals."
- **Goal 1: School Report Card Parent Survey.** *Increase the number of parents who participate in the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) School Report Card Survey to 75% by 2022 and 85% by 2024.* This will mean an increase of 850 parents completing the survey. Decision to keep this goal as is.
- **Goal 2: Parental Involvement.** *Determine parental involvement with the school (open house, parent/teacher conferences, athletics, arts, ROTC, parent associations) for 2019-2020.* Debbie Kinder distributed a Parent-Teacher Conference Night Sign-in Sheet to teachers for conferences held on 10/30/2019. A survey to reflect the level of parental participation (in band, drama, academic, athletics) will be created and sent to parents on a quarterly basis to help measure the amount of parent engagement. Dr. Falicia Harvey suggested the data collected this year be used as a baseline. Mr. Hasinger created the survey. It will be sent to all SIC members for their review. Wednesday, November 20 will be the distribution date to the parents.
- **Goal 3: Communication.** *Build a SIC presence on the school's website.* The Dreher SIC will create a presence on the Dreher Website. SIC goals, meeting agenda and minutes will be posted as well as the school report card. SIC contact information and a digital suggestion box will also be posted.

Administration Update

- Mr. Hasinger reported fall sports are wrapping up. The Boys and Girls Cross Country are still running.
- There will be a basketball and wrestling scrimmage on 11/19/19.

- The Arts programs are excelling. In the Classical Guitar State Competition 11 out of 16, in the state, were from Dreher.
- Academics continue to reflect excellence. 94% of students are passing. The pass rate is 88/89% for the average student.
- Dreher is stressing the importance of content recovery above early release for students. Mr. Hasinger has personally offered to reach out to employers to make them aware if this interferes with the student's afterschool job.
- Mr. Hasinger addressed an incident at Dreher. He stated there was never a direct threat to the school. An individual did say some things that were inappropriate. That student has been recommended for expulsion. Mr. Hasinger stated there was good communication with the students and parents. Many parents chose to pick their child(ren) up early that day. The Dreher staff went above and beyond in the way they handled things. The majority of parents were pleased with the way the situation was handled. Students that did leave early or did not attend will be allowed to make up the work and it will be counted as an excused absence. There were copy cat calls throughout the state. There was extra security at Dreher that day both with law enforcement and district personnel. The fire alarm did go off on the same day – new sensors were put in to prevent another fire alarm incident.

New Business

- Falcia Harvey noted there will be a School Board Candidate Forum at Bethel AME on Sunday 11/24/2019 from 5pm – 7pm. The SIC can submit questions to be asked at the forum. Questions can be emailed to Dr. Harvey.
- Student tardiness was addressed. The question was- should reducing tardies be an SIC goal or something that is dealt with by the school without any input from the SIC. Mr. Hasinger stated the school's response at this point was punitive. Dependent on the number of tardies received by a student they are sent to after school detention or to ISS. Neither of these consequences are effective. The question was asked -What if we reward students for not being tardy. Lower Richland High School currently has a "No Tardy Party". If there is a reward this could possibly be done during lunch to avoid interruption of instruction time. Another thought was to reverse who serves a detention – ask the parent not the student to serve detention.

Meeting adjourned.