

GRB Site-Based Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 2021

2020-21 Membership

Administrator- **Donna Parkhurst**

3 Teachers – **Cathy Cronk, Jamie Ruzekowicz, Jennifer Windsor**

2 Students – **Grady Marshall (10), Channing Noel (12)**

3 Parents – **Noelle Bryant, Jacob Lewin, Kathryn Rowlee**

3 At Large – **Becky Devendorf, Teri Lotterle, NEED ONE**

1 Senior – **Barb Collins**

1 Business/Industry- **Ellen Marshall**

Present- Chris Ells, Amy Stephenson

1. **Introductions-** Welcome Channing & Noelle! Parent members mentioned an at-large member who is interested in joining the team. Donna will reach out.

2. **Role of Committee/Shared Decision-Making** (reviewed pamphlet)
 - a. Commissioner's Regulation 100.11 requires the participation of parents and teachers in school based planning and shared decision making.
 - b. Represent stakeholder groups- important to have all perspectives
 - i. Encourage people to come to you with concerns/questions.
 - c. Other building level teams that contribute toward making decisions- Leadership and School Culture
 - d. Focus on those issues that impact student achievement

3. **COVID Update**
 - Masks are required indoors (not outdoors)
 - Physical distancing- We are working to space students 3ft apart *when possible* in order to minimize quarantines. In-person learning is the priority.
 - Seating charts are in place on buses (must be 6ft apart on the bus).
 - When contact tracing students, the Health Department asks:
 - If masks are consistently worn.
 - If students are at least 3 feet apart.
 - Teachers are using different strategies to provide students with mask breaks.
 - Using colored stickers
 - Use specific desk #s
 - Alternating rows

Questions raised:

- *Are fully vaccinated students being quarantined?*
 - No, as long as they are 2 weeks out from their 2nd vaccine, and not showing symptoms.
- *Do students have to show proof of vaccination?*
 - Mr. Ells is able to use the NYS system to check vaccine status.

- *What is the current COVID situation in the district? How prevalent is COVID in our district (the state site is down)?*
 - If the state website is not back up by Monday (9/20), the district will report this information in some format to families.
- *Are athletes, especially those in high risk sports, being required to be vaccinated?*
 - No
- *Are teams still being required to take a pause if there is a positive case on the team?*
 - It depends on the sport. They are looking at every case on a sport-by-sport, player-by-player basis.
- *How are quarantined students being instructed?*
 - All teachers are required to maintain Google classrooms. We have a Teaching Assistant that has an open Google Meet link where students are able to get help when needed (between 7:35-2:35). We are currently putting together a team of teachers to be available after school (2:35-4:35) and will communicate any changes from our current setup.
- *What are the social distancing guidelines for large gatherings (ex. auditorium)?* There are currently no specific regulations for gatherings. We just need to know where people are seated in order to be prepared for contact tracing.
 - Right now, we are only permitting essential visitors in our school buildings (directly related to students).
- *Are there students & teachers not following the mask guidelines?*
 - When we are made aware of any specific concerns, we investigate and address accordingly.
- *How are we fairing with COVID?*
 - We have more than 10 but less than 20 confirmed cases.
- *Should we be worried? Of course*
- *Have any of these confirmed cases been contracted at school?*
 - Per the Health Department, we wouldn't start seeing that until this week (10 days out from starting the year).
 - 60% of high school students are vaccinated
 - 90% of our staff are vaccinated
- *How is the district providing testing to those who are unvaccinated?*
 - We are waiting to see what test we are able to use.
- *Is the testing just for the unvaccinated or for all?*
 - Just for the unvaccinated

4. **Graduation Rate**

GRB is up to 86% graduation rate from 84% last year, and 79% the year before.

- 80% of our Hispanic students graduated
- 77% of our students with IEPs graduated, and
- 77.5% of our economically disadvantaged students graduated.

- 94.7% of our NOT economically disadvantaged students graduated.

Questions

- *Last June (2021), students did not have to take Regents exams. Did that boost the graduation rate?*
 - For the most part, Regents exams do not prevent our students from graduating. Not having enough credits (dropping out) is the main reason students do not graduate.
- Those students who decided to take Regents Exams- How did they do?
- What were our AP results?
 - Will discuss at October meeting

5. Recognition of Students

- As a district, we are taking a close look at how we recognize all students.
- When using attendance as any criteria, quarantines will not be counted.

Questions

- *Are students with IEPs or Economically Disadvantaged students at a disadvantage?*
 - *Their supports should not put them at a disadvantage. However, it is recognized that they may not achieve as easily as their peers.*
- *Could there be an achievement award for students who are making progress?*
Last year we had the “On a Roll” award. Also, Golden Referrals are another way to recognize students and their efforts.
 1. Discussed having a quarterly achievement luncheon for those who have improved. (Will bring this idea to the School Culture Team.)

6. Dress Code

- Many of our students are expressing frustration with the “GRB Dress Code,” feeling it is gender biased and that it needs to be updated in terms of how some things are defined (For example, What is too short? To what extent should undergarments be covered?)
- We reviewed the FCSD Dress Code and decided that further discussion with all stakeholders needs to occur. Specifically, the terms “grooming,” “make-up and nails,” and covering the “abdomen.” The question was also raised about “school functions” and what this includes.
- At this point, we are getting rid of the GRB Dress Code that was created several years ago by GRB stakeholders and will adhere to the FCSD Dress Code. We will create a new GRB Dress Code that will help define the FCSD Code.
- Feedback provided:
 - If the buttock is showing, that is too short.
 - Spaghettis straps should be permitted, as long as cleavage is not excessive. They can hide undergarments.

Questions

- *Are male athletes permitted to be shirtless on the field or in the gym?*

- No
- *Have many students needed to be addressed about Dress Code violations?*
 - We have spoken with several. (By far, not a majority.)

7. Other

- a. Class Officer Elections
 - i. Campaign- Sept. 20-24
 - ii. Vote- Sept. 24
- b. Junior Board Member Election
 - i. Interested students need to email Mrs. Parkhurst by Friday 9/17
 - ii. Schoolwide vote- Sept. 24

NEXT MEETING- 10/14/21

- Strategic Coherence Plan
- Regents and AP Results from May/June 2021

2021-22 Areas to Focus on/Monitor

- ✓ Strategic Coherence Plan
- ✓ Grading
- ✓ COVID Protocols
- ✓ Interdisciplinary learning
- ✓ ECHS
 - 180 students enrolled in both Grants (including students from Mexico (5) and Hannibal (3))
- ✓ Enrollment and staffing trends
- ✓ Course Selections
- ✓ Review performance data (SAR, Report Card, Quarterly data)
- ✓ School Culture/PBIS