

## Parent Advisory Council Minutes

October 17, 2018

**Attendees:** Mr. Krause, Lisa Vick, Christine Ziegler, Alyson McCauley, Linda Maher, Elaine DiDario, Alicia Martine, Doreen Beim, Chau Shearer, Shannon Yu

### Foley Fundraising

- For first time it went well. There were 50-60 students. Made about \$1200.

### Cafeteria Project & Others

- Discussion about getting funding for tables and chairs, charging tables, more painting.
- Design a wall in math wing, one of the parents is an artist that will do that.
- More R's around the building.
- There will be a screening over the gates near the field.

### Strategic Planning Meeting Feedback

- The first one was good as it got feedback. But then the second one was confusing and lacked continuity with the first one. There was less participation because people thought they only had to go to one. In reality, people should have gone to all three sessions.
- People were confused on the flow of the session.
- There were tables that were not well mixed. There were more staff versus parents. No students came out.
- It appeared that more staff is in attendance than parents. There were not many students at all. It would be nice for them to join.

### Senior Class Photo Fundraiser

- It's a 19 on the field of the kids. This photo can be purchased by the seniors.
- There were a lot of kids that had closed eyes so it didn't turn out as well as expected.

### Safety Initiatives

- There were concerns that kids getting there early, there is no one available to take care of the doors. Prior to 7:15 the administrators are in front until the security person is there. Doors open at 7am.
- Mr. Krause is talking to Lt Bird who is a safety specialist that is discussion about SRP protocols for the school. One area is lanyards with different colors to identify students, teachers, visitors.
- Discussion about whether there should be metal detectors, nighttime monitor. These are all possibilities. There is a campus day monitor that checks doors and facilities.
- Cameras are now installed (there are more than 100 cameras in place). More cameras are scheduled. Its not being monitored although it is reviewed periodically by the day monitor. Its too difficult.
- Gates are now being put up that will restrict access to certain areas. If the gates are up, then specific areas could reviewed on tape.

- There are discussion about future safety measures that can be done but there is a balance between sharing information and safety.

#### Procedures for Clubs

- There is concern about the process for clubs and how they get implemented. There have been concerns brought up about kids that wanting to start clubs but then run into road blocks.
- It is not clear what the procedures are and what the timing is for clubs to be approved.
- There are procedures that were shared by Mr. Krause. There must be a budget identified and advisor. The advisor gets no stipend for the first three years. The advisory must be on staff at ridge. The final approval is by BOE.
- There are 100 clubs at Ridge. The team is looking to review the clubs to see the membership and which ones are active.

#### SEL for Athletes

- There are concerns that there are situations within the sports program where coaches are acting and/or treating athletes in a way that is not supportive of the culture and climate the district operates under. There are inconsistencies within the sports as it relates to practice, criteria for being in a game and coach's behavior.
- There was a suggestion that perhaps standards of conduct and/or rules should be identified and perhaps a survey completed at the end of each sports season. This should be geared to identify trends where there may be issues but also applaud efforts where a coach is exemplary.
- Mr. Krause has spoken to Mr. Shello about it. He is not opposed to having a survey.
- Parents commented that Teachers are held accountable in this district but the coaches and other extra curricular activities are not.
- A comment was made that there is a difference in approach between a freshman and seniors.
- Christine will be gathering examples of this to present at the next PAC meeting or a separate meeting with Mr Krause and Shello.

#### Microwave in Cafeteria

- Not sure there are any regulations around allowing it. Mr. Krause will check it out. There could be issues with kids putting forks in there and someone would need to clean up them up.

#### Pre-ACTs

- Its relatively new. Lisa Vick previously checked with Mrs. Shadis but got lost with the transition. In Chatham and Bernardsville, its done during the school day.
- Mr. Krause will check with the new counseling supervisor Stephanie Smith on options. Could this be considered for a Saturday? Parents do not have an issue with doing this on Saturday similar to how the PSATs are administered.

#### FTGOTO

- There are lunches being taken (perhaps accidentally) by the wrong person.

- There are concerns from parents were the kids are following different paths (ie STEM versus Orchestra). There are kids that would like to go to AP Orchestra but there is no availability of that path for accelerated program. Parent should talk to the subject supervisor.
- In senior class, the college essays are being viewed by other students in class. There is concern that there is oftentimes very personal topics being written and there could be plagiarism. There was an incident where a picture was taken of an essay that was then shared with other. In general, parents did not think this was a good idea for these essays to be shared or read by others.