

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019

In Attendance :Patrick Wilbur

Lucas Brown

Heidi Hetherington

Kim Ponto

Nicole Heath

Laura Henning

Candace Colwell

1. Call to Order--meeting called to order at 7pm

2. Additions to the agenda: None

3. Approval of previous minutes from September 9, 2019--Nicole motioned to approve, all in favor.

4. Reports:

a.) Trustee:

- Board approved an out of country field trip to Central Europe for West Central High School during Spring Break of 2021.
- Enrollment is down 100 students but budget was based on a decrease of 150 students so we are up 50 students from projection.
- Started a health and safety committee
- 17 new teachers in the division, 5 of these are first time teachers.
- Evergreen is still experiencing delays and the future of HW Pick-up is in question
- Technology accountability report rollout to the cloud is complete reducing site based servers which reducing capital asset ownership.
- Transport accountability report: successfully entered into partnership with Prairie Bus lines

b.) Principal:

- Start-up went really well
- Overall mood of the school is very positive. Discipline incidents are down substantially. Only 12 detentions in September down from 25 in previous years.
- Some incidents with vaping. 3 suspensions due to vaping on school grounds. Admin responded positively to suggestions that a school wide lesson, possibly done in health class be given to entire student population about risks associated with vaping. Also discussed how enforcing town bylaw helped decrease vaping incidents at the highschool and possible discussing with town council how vaping products are sold/displayed in businesses in town.

- Window replacement in progress. Minimal disturbance to students. Library will be done over Christmas break. There may be leaking from higher windows-potential for mold.
- We are up 10 students and hit our projected 328 students.
- We have been offered the opportunity to take on Dinner and Diamonds in fall of 2020. This fundraiser would be used for new playground equipment. Would need a committee of 5 and at least 5 more committed people. The day of we would need more volunteers. Concerns raised about getting needed volunteers. Request for more information about what is required and potential earnings.
- Mr. Wilbur expressed a desire and need for a fundraising body that would come up with ideas for fundraising and look into grants and corporate sponsors.
- Accountability results are in: Survey is completed by grade 7 parents, students, and teachers. 17 parents responded to the survey. Standard of Excellence is low they are going to work on ways to improve performance in this area.

c.) Teacher:

- No teacher present at meeting, hoping to get a teacher representative.

5. Old Business:

a.) Parent volunteer sign-up:

- Pushed out volunteer information, got about 3 emails.

b.) Dress code:

- Draft is done, hoping to roll out new code in the Spring. Suggestion to add visuals for clarity.

6. New Business: None

7. Next Meeting--Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00pm.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes recorded by Laura Henning