School Site Council (SSC) & Site Governance Team (SGT)
Thursday, May 5, 2022
Meeting Minutes
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SITE GOVERNANCE TEAM (SGT)

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 am
In attendance:
Jeff Luna
Deb Duncan
Victor Totoris
Robin Dominguez
Mehrak Selby
Julie Latta
Rich Gray
Steve Peters
Neha Bahadur
Tom Wiczynski
Claire Roberts

Review and Approval of SGT Minutes 4.7.22
Victor Totoris motioned to approve minutes from 4.7.22.
Neha Bahadur seconded the motion.
In favor: 12
Abstain: 0
Opposed: 0
Motion Carried

Recruitment for 2022-23 members SGT Membership 2021.22
Staff members are chosen by department - all staff will continue. Julie Latta would be happy to represent Science
1st year Parents will continue. Need to replace Trisha Dinenberg and Tom Wiczynski

8th Grade Promotion Participation Policy Concern of Parents

A parent letter regarding our 8th grade promotion policy was discussed. The main concern is that if all 8th grade students
are promoting to 9th grade, then all 8th grade students should be allowed to participate in the promotion ceremony. It was
pointed out that for 6th and 7th grade students who do not meet the criteria for end of year activities they will not participate.
For 8th grade students not meeting the criteria for end of year activities they will not participate in those activities as well as
not be allowed to participate in the promotion ceremony. The parent feels that withholding the activities is one thing but also
withholding the promotion ceremony is inappropriate.
There were several comments made opposed to simply allowing all 8th grade students to participate in the ceremony such
as clarifying the extent of opportunities that each student has in order to make themselves eligible for the promotion
ceremony, how middle school is a great time to learn these valuable life lessons and to reward those students who have put
in the hard work and effort to maintain eligibility. There was mention that getting something for free is not of value. If a student puts in zero effort - they will not value the prize (promotion). The promotion ceremony is a celebration of accomplishments not a determination of who will and who will not be promoted to the next grade level. Many opinions were shared as well as district policy #5127.

Tom Wiczynski motioned to remove promotion ceremony from end of year activities that can be withheld due to tardies, absences and grades for the 2022-23 school year. To better align with the policies for 6th and 7th grade students. Neha Bahadur seconded the motion.
All in favor: 2
Abstain: 0
Oppose: 9
This motion was not approved.

Dress Code [Dress Code: 2022 6th Grade Edits]

The dress code policy was changed in hopes to better define the dress code, to soften the language and better align with the policies of other middle schools. for 2021-22 scarves and hats have been removed from the policy. This brings the question of hoods. Teachers are in agreement that hoods should not be permitted as it results in students “hiding” in their hoods, wearing earbuds, etc. The inseam requirements for shorts is also a concern. The opinion that less policing on dress is better; however, shorts should cover a student’s bottom was shared; however, this was met with the opinion that students should look more professional and less like they are on their way to the beach.
Principal Luna admitted that this will be a longer discussion than we have time for. He suggested that we change what we can to make the policy comfortable for everyone and schedule a more in depth discussion next school year.

Jeff motion to continue with current dress code policy with the edits of removing low necklines and 2” straps as well as removing the inseam for shorts; but shorts must cover undergarments. Hoods should not be worn on campus.
Neha seconded the motion
All in favor
No Opposed
Motion Carried

No Public Comment(s)
No Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 8:16am