



**PCCS Board of Directors,
Academics Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
Tuesday November 16, 2021 @ 6:00PM
Wright School House/Library
1571 Jones Point Rd
Grayslake, Il. 60030**

Please note that wearing masks will be required for all attendees joining the meeting

Call to Order

Abe Janis

- 6:06 pm
- Jenny Diehl – Public Visitor (parent)
- Abe Janis – Chair (Board Member)
- Gabi White – Committee Member
- Demetrios Georgatsos – Committee Member (Board Member)
- Nell Anen – Board Member
- Teri Boettcher– Potential Committee Member

Public Comment

Discussion Items

1. Phase 5 Update/Classroom protocols
 - Staff and students are working hard to balance academics, social emotional and safety
 - Feel that we have gotten more of the social emotional opportunities
 - Carpool and Morning appears fairly normal – Recess is happening
 - Specials are starting at 8:10'
 - Having a Check in meeting and announcement before Special
 - Second Step and CREWS
 - Emotional temperature check
 - Calm Classroom activity
 - Tone setting
 - Students are moving classroom to classroom in the 5 – 8 building like they have in the past - Departmentalizing
 - Not as much movement in the K – 4 building
 - Have only suspended the multi-age groups
 - Teachers are deciding how to move forward
 - Great partnership building options
 - Helps to develop the leaders and those that might be interested in being leaders in the future
 - Looping is continuing as well
 - Safety
 - Masking
 - Shields (eating particularly)
 - Spreading as much as they can for eating
 - Controlling the hallways for limited crowding and congestion
 - All water fountains are currently closed, but all sinks are available

- Same grade classes are intermingling and sharing spaces
- Holding specials outside as much as possible
- Morning and Aftercare are continuing – moving more and more indoors
- Sports have begun
 - Basketball – Masked students, no spectators, games on Facebook
- Have begun allowing more visitors to campus, not yet working indoors or with kids directly
- Starting to cook again
- Holding a dance in December for 7th and 8th grade
- Carpool – Will be in the gym during inclement weather
- Mask wear is the biggest complaint versus the way they are doing eating
 - There protocol is to allow for break time
 - In a dense situation, they will be asked to wear a mask (outdoor assembly)
- What is Staff's feedback?
 - During staff meetings they discuss the protocols
 - There is still some fear within the staff – or concern based
 - Much of the conversation is peer to peer

2. FY21 Report Card and Assessments

- Continue to review standardized data sets
- NWA and IAR numbers
- NWA – 2nd Grade +
 - Showed a widening of the achievement gap
 - More accelerated students than in the past
 - 60% of current 6 – 8 are algebra or geometry
 - Typically, 40% - 60%
 - More students with direct intervention
 - 35% percentile and below
 - 12% of students are now in interventions
- IAR – 3rd Grade +
 - There was not a lot of surprises
 - This test was not given in the best overall conditions
 - ELA was higher than Math
 - 49% ELA 43% Math – Meet and Exceed
 - Lost category – 3-5% per grade
- How do we compare?
 - ISBE has not yet figured this all out at this time.
 - We are not sure if we might get one more pass because of how the testing was done and completed.
- This testing was not 100% of the population
 - Only 75% of the students in 3rd grade took the test
 - There scores were a lower outlier
 - 5th Grades showed the 65% meets or exceeds – highest achieving grade
- Fall NWA was taken, and we accelerated more students than expected
- We are still combing the data to understand and find any anomalies within the data
- The teachers are feeling the gap within the classroom across the board.
 - They do see that the groups are farther apart than they are used to
- The next couple of semesters will be telling to see if the kids are now moving forward and what the pace can be and how they will finish the year out
 - Socialization was a key component of the first trimester

3. Committee members/recruitment

- Teri has expressed interest in becoming a member of the committee
 - Agreed to join the committee
- Nell to also add to the committee
- Would like to have a committee of at least 5 people
- February 15th and May 17th are planned committee meetings – Quarterly

4. Topics/Tasks in future meetings.

- What is ISBE's mandates around Critical Race Theory? They are awaiting more details on what ISBE is looking to have implemented.
- Asked about future topics:
 - Reading Curriculum
 - Math Curriculum
 - Critical Thinking
 - Critical Race Theory
 - Sex Education Curriculum

Action Items

1A. No Action Items for this meeting

New Business

If you would like a committee email address. OMA will be discussed at the next meeting

Adjourn - 7:05 pm

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