

Advisory Team Minutes

Monday 9.9.13

Agenda:

(MR) Dress Code Review
(MR) GRE discipline “policy” review
Bike to School Event
WatchDog Dads
New website
Google form for parents to give agenda items for Advisory Meetings
(MR) 2013 TCAP Data

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Susie Rogers (Staff), Kate Strauss (parent) Nick Pagano (Parent) Jerome Fransua (Parents), Chachi Hernandez (parent), Rhonda Brown (parent)

Principal’s Report:

Dress Code Review:

T-shirt graphics (case by case basis) but general rule of no guns, no drugs, no inappropriate vocabulary...
Reviewing the GRE policy (fairly specific) and is listed on the website

GRE Discipline “policy” review:

Current flow chart (step-by-step chart outlining levels of escalation) is on the website.

Mary Rose will review the discipline policy with staff so that everyone is on the same page.

Football issues: Coach Anderson was kind enough to create fair teams, add a little more organization, and use flags so that the students don’t lose football all together.

Mary Rose discussed PBIS (national model used to give positive feedback for positive behaviors) as part of the discipline model

Chachi would like Watch Dogs to be able to pass out respect slips

2013 TCAP Data:

Reading growth scores didn’t grow at the same rate as district. The staff will dig deeper into the numbers to see if they can figure out why.

Writing growth outpaced the district (which was the focus of the staff’s PD over the last 2 years)

Math growth outpaced the district

Discussion Topics:

Bike to School Event:

Part of PE class

Next 3 Wednesdays

Grades 3-6

WatchDog Dads:

Kick-Off Event Thursday 9.12.13
New Top Dog-Chachi Hernandez
Chachi will have an online link to sign up

New Website:

Easier on Ms. Ballantyne because she won't have to update

Google form for parents:

Easier to give agenda items for advisory meeting discussions

You can find the link on the website to the form so all parents and staff have access to it if they ever think of something they would like to discuss.

Thinking maps:

School wide implementation and it is large in the district as well. The research supports that it increases performance in many content areas.

School Newsletter:

We are piloting a new company that will put together our newsletter and put in ads to earn money for the school. [The School Newsletter Company](#)

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Monday 10.14.13

Agenda:

-Dan Cohan, our Executive Director of School Effectiveness/Achievement Director:

The Classroom Dashboard

-Review/report on last year's Culture and Climate goals and write our current year culture and climate plan.

Needs to be submitted by 11/15 (We can finalize at the 11/11 meeting)

-If Time: Raccoon Run Questions (Total raised?, Where is the money going specifically?)

-If Time: Rockin' Raccoon Report (Fantastic!)

-If Time: District Advisory Meeting Summary (Ideas we could steal from different schools)

-Principal's Report at 6:30.

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Susie Rogers (Staff), Nick Pagano (Parent) Jerome Fransua (Parent), Richard Schaeff (Community Member), Dan Cohan (Executive Director of School Effectiveness/Achievement Director), Kate Strauss (parent), Chachi Hernandez (parent), Rhonda Brown (parent), Kathy Pyrc (Staff)

Dan Cohan -

Why:

Current storage systems: IC & SOARS

District feels the need to condense data to one storage area to make it easier for teachers to interpret data and use it to help drive instruction.

Loud Cloud: The company that will build the software

inBloom: the company that actually stores the data

Concerns:

1. Security (is our kids' data secure)
2. Money (is it worth it)
3. Corporate & Government Influence (Gates Foundation)

What:

A "Dashboard" that collects and synthesizes assessment data from numerous places in one place.

Culture and Climate Plan-

Last year's goals:

Welcoming Environment: Curb Appeal- gardens, roof top units painted, temps painted, repainted US Map

Make Your Voice Heard:

Survey Results: Increase the positive results of the question, "The things I read in school are

challenging.” We bought a lot of different types of books, training for teachers,

Survey Results: We will increase the positive results of the question, “Kids argue with each other at school.” Did brainwise training with students and staff.

Health & Wellness:

Idling reduction campaign- kind of faded out in the spring. MR will put out a reminder in the newsletter about it to refresh it.

Safety:

Brainwise, focused on the anti-bullying campaign (bracelets- Give the Effort)

Welcoming Environment:

“I am informed in a timely manner about the needs/concerns of my child.” and was addressed by the weekly voicemail and emails.

Watchdog Dads- Off to a great start (a lot of dads signed up already)

Principal Coffee- Keep that opportunity open again this year.

This Year's Goals:

Mary Rose will send out and we will look it over and make finalized plans at the next meeting.

Principal's Report:

School Performance Framework- GRE is using 1 year progress for the state plan.

Focus this year is Math- Committee comes through the building and gives teachers feedback on their instruction

October Count- Up twelve kids from last year 425 kids

Halloween - Party at the beginning of the day then focus on learning the rest of the day.

Veterans Celebration - short program Monday, November 11th (choir, band...)

Raccoon Run - \$18,000 raised for the school (\$2,000 for coach Anderson) the rest to Chromebooks or iPads

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Monday 11.11.13

Agenda:

-Write Health & Wellness Goal (Ideas: Kaiser Wellness Grant: T/Th running club or GRE Snack & Treat Policy)

-Welcoming Environment (Idea: Continuing Principal Coffees)

***Make your voice heard goal is NEXT year**

-Report on Culture & Climate Progress

Both need to be submitted by 11/22

-Lockout

-Election Results & what it means for GRE

-Dr. Stevenson leaving & what it means for GRE and Jefferson County as a whole

-UIP (Unified Improvement Plan): Data on what it is and how the staff will implement it

-Principal's Report at 6:30.

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Richard Schaeff (Community Member), Susie Rogers (Staff), Nick Pagano (Parent), Chachi Hernandez (parent), Candace Ballantyne (Teacher/Librarian), Kathy Pyrc (Staff), Kate Strauss (parent), Jerome Fransua (Parent),

Health & Wellness Goal:

More structured activity during recess (Tuesday/Thursday walk run chart and reward kids for amounts run) and/or raising awareness for healthy snacks (writing project).

Idling car campaign- put out reminders to revisit the topic during cold weather months

Welcoming Environment Goal:

Principal Coffee:

One focused on current parents January 24th (Friday morning) or January 31st (Friday morning).

Second focused on incoming Kindergarten parents May 9th

Lockout:

Learned a lot of valuable information as to how to streamline the process so that kids continue to be safe in the future (and got to do it in a way that it was REAL practice but no one was hurt).

Election Results:

The new board will be sworn in and they will take some time to familiarize themselves with their role. Wait and see what direction they will be interested in heading.

Dr. Stevenson Retirement:

Dr. Stevenson will be retiring at the end of the school year and she will be greatly missed!
Unsure of the hiring process for a new superintendent but it will take some time.

UIP:

This year the GRE staff will continue its focus on writing but will also begin their focus on math instruction.

Hour of Code:

Mrs. Balantyne has asked the entire staff to sign up for a time that she can introduce ALL kids to writing code during the international Hour of Code event happening between December 9 - 15. This activity is designed to introduce kids to the growing field of computer science. (Chance to win \$10,000 in technology as well.)

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Monday 1.13.14

Agenda:

- Choice enrollment
 - Spelling Bee winners and Columbine Area Bee
 - Colorado Area Band/Orchestra Festivals
 - Calendar Changes - Modified contact days
 - Safety updates – December Drill and front entry
 - Technology
 - January Upcoming events
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Attendance:

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Choice Enrollment:

The window is open January 8 - 24 and we have quite a few enrolled already. Next year the school will think about possibly putting information in the Governor's Ranch Gazette for the next open enrollment period.

Spelling Bee:

Jackson Constant (5th grade) and Juliette Reid (5th Grade) won the Governor's Ranch Competition and will now move on to the Columbine Feeder Area Bee.

Colorado Area Band/Orchestra Festivals:

Columbine High School at 7:00

Science Fair:

January 30th 8:30 - 11:00

PTA Reflections:

Celebration is January 16th from 6:00 - 7:00 to congratulate all participants in the art competition and exhibit.

Calendar Changes:

April 28th & 29th are now the new modified assessment days (because the state moved an assessment date back). They were originally scheduled for April 21st & 22nd.

Safety Update:

The lockdown drill in December was successful. The district director said the school did well and they will schedule another one in the spring.

Technology:

30 Chromebooks, 30 iPads, cases, chargers and other materials have been ordered and should be available for student use soon.

Paraprofessional Schedule:

Mrs. Keyes recently revamped the paraprofessional schedule so that there are at least 2 supervisors out on recess duty as well as having them increase their time in the classroom

during math instruction.

New Colorado Summative Assessment (electronic):

Kathy Pycr walked through the 4th and 5th grade assessment the students will be taking for the first time in May.

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Monday 2.10.14

Agenda:

Principal coffee

Staffing update

Enrollment

Dr. Stevenson

Discuss progress toward our climate and culture/wellness goals.

Affective education

Upcoming school events

-Science fair

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Richard Schaeff (Community Member), Susie Rogers (Staff), Kate Strauss (parent), Nick Pagano (Parent) Jerome Fransua (Parent),

Principal Coffee:

December 31st Mary Rose sat down with a couple of parents for coffee and chatted a little bit.

Staffing Update:

Projected enrollment next year will be around 425 students.

Possible classes will be:

Kindergarten - 1.5 classes (21 full-day students 24 half-day students)

1st - 2 classes (48 students)

2nd - 3 classes (64 students)

3rd - 3 classes (61 students)

4th - 2 classes (52 students)

5th - 3 classes (76 students)

6th - 3 classes (74 students)

Dr. Stevenson:

Mary Rose sent out an email concerning Dr. Stevenson leaving as superintendent on February 21st. The school board will serve as interim leadership until a new superintendent is hired. Dr. Stevenson will be greatly missed!

Progress Toward Culture/Wellness Goals:

Reminders to parents and students about the idling program, Mr. Anderson added a little information about eating healthy and childhood obesity into the monthly newsletters, Ms. Ballantyne is working on cycling healthy eating snippets into the Rockin Raccoon Report

Affective Education:

Building on the success of the Colorado Rockies assembly in January GRE will have another assembly on March 21st entitled The NED Show. It comes very highly recommended.

Science Fair:

Large group out for participation this year. Wonderful investigations and a huge thank you to the community members who came out to judge the competition.

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Monday 3.10.14

Agenda:

MYVH survey results

Staffing - touch base again

Calendar - feedback/input

CMAS schedule

Technology

Security Update (Message Home about red car, front door - climate?)

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Richard Schaeff (Community Member), Susie Rogers (Staff), Kathy Pyrc (Staff), Nick Pagano (Parent), Kate Strauss (parent),

Make Your Voice Heard Survey Results:

79% participation rate (very high), Rigor (may be a focus) because in two grades specifically the scores were lower than the district mean,

Staffing (update):

Numbers are lower at Kindergarten, Numbers are strange at 6th grade (small for 3 but huge at 2), Specials may be 2.5, Projected 424

Calendar:

MR discussed potential dates for early release days and conferences that fit within

CMAS Schedule:

4th - April 15th, 17th & 23rd Social Studies

5th - April 16th, 22nd, 25th Science

Technology:

Slower boot up because of wireless speed for Chromebooks

iPads (teachers are playing with them but it is difficult to dig IF there aren't enough to use for each grade level)

*eMail to tech about when it is going to upgrade

Security Update:

No more information on the red car,

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Monday 4.14.14

Agenda:

4.4 Shelter Drill
2014-15 calendar
School supply list
Fee sheet
CMAS
Instructional Rounds – 4.4
Progress on UIP
District Accountability Meeting (Next Year's Budget)

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Susie Rogers (Staff), Kathy Pyrc (Staff), Nick Pagano (Parent), Jerome Fransua (Parent), Kate Strauss (parent).

4.4.14 Shelter Drill:

Mary Rose is going to make emergency kits for each class (sugar, water...) in case they are in there for a while. Plenty of space to put kids.

2014-2015 Calendar:

Kids return August 18th
Modified Days (testing) September 12, September 15th
Fall Conferences (September 23rd, 24th)
Thanksgiving Break (November 24th-November 28th)
Winter Break (December 22nd - January 7th)
Spring Conferences (March 4th)
Spring Break (March 23rd - 27th)
Modified Days (testing) May 1st & May 4th
Last Day (May 28th)

School Supply List:

Almost the same as this year. IF a family has a need the school has ways to help them make sure the families have supplies.

Fee Sheet:

Almost the same as last year. Fees directly related to classroom resources.

CMAS:

Haven't given this year so we will see how the technology holds up. Next year they will take more computerized exams.

*Bob Daugherty, Try and send email to see what the timeline is for upgrade to wireless and bandwidth
Kathy did a lesson on how to cut and paste, drag and drop... (so the kids know how to use the tech)

Instructional Rounds (4.4.14):

8 teams coming through GRE so teachers can see each other's classrooms and how they teach. MR will try to free up more time for teachers to observe each other more (in creative ways such as assemblies or during planning time). AND maybe PTA will be able to give money to pay for subs so they can visit other buildings and/or trainings.

New Math Curriculum:

GRE is getting FREE materials since they are adopting the new curriculum. Begins next year.

Progress on UIP:

Depth of Knowledge (DOK) inservice

Teacher collaboration to work on math (common language, systemic practices...)

Thinking Maps training

Some CDE math trainings

District Accountability Meeting:

New Super hired by end of May, budget coming up (please send representatives a message to release money from savings to districts),

***What can the district do to best help our school? (need to know before August 2014)**

Technology infrastructure!!!!

Full Day Kindergarten

Small class size

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Monday 5.12.14

Agenda:

End of year events
Discipline
Curriculum
Budget
New Superintendent

Attendance:

Tim Ryckman (chairperson), Mary Rose Keyes (Principal), Susie Rogers (Staff), Nick Pagano (Parent), Jerome Fransua (Parent), Kate Strauss (parent), Chachi Hernandez (parent).

Next Year's Advisory Team:

After some discussion we decided Tim will continue on his second year commitment to be the Accountability Chair for the 2014/2015 school year.

End of year events:

New field day date (Tuesday, May 20th & Wednesday, May 21st)
Book Sale (Wednesday, May 15th)
3rd Grade Sock Hop (May 21st)

Discipline:

Discipline has been consistent throughout the year. No major issues have popped up.

Curriculum:

GRE will be getting the new math curriculum (Math Expressions). It will arrive by the end of May or the beginning of June. It contains a remediation component which was lacking in previous resources.

3rd Reading TCAP results released - 86% Proficient and/or Advanced (exact same as last year)

Acuity Test Results came back and IF they reflect how the kids will do on TCAP and PARCC (as some say it might) GRE students are projected to do well.

Budget:

The budget for the 2014/2015 school will be very similar to this year. We are operating in the black (good job Mary Rose). Art may need a new kiln. Parts of the play structure are cracked and may need to be replaced.

New Superintendent:

Dan McMinimee is the final candidate for the Jeffco Superintendent and the district will have community feedback nights to get to know more about him.