

Beacon Heights School Community Council
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:45 over Zoom

In attendance: Kirsten Corbett, Sara Westover, Tim Miller, Deana Luckett, Lacy Egbert, Gaea Rindflesh, Natalie Smith, Greta Griffiths, Kallee Johnson, Kelly Lear, Wendy Child, Aaron Fischer, Becky Pittam

-Approve Minutes from September 3, 2020

-Meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will be emailed, posted on website and attached to the minutes

-2020-21 SCC members:

Motion for Sara Westover as SCC co-chair by Kirsten Corbett, seconded by Lacy Egbert, approved by all

Motion for Kirsten Corbett as SCC co-chair by Lacy Egbert, seconded by Deana Luckett and approved by all

Motion for council members: Lacy Egbert, Gaea Rindflesh, Natalie Smith, Greta Griffiths, Kallee Johnson, Kelly Lear, Mary Katherine Harmon and Aaron Fischer motioned by Kirsten Corbett, seconded by Sara Westover, and approved by all.

-SIC Update, Deana Luckett

Met in July and August to discuss Canvas and taking on digital learning, curriculum, scheduling for school day and support staff, safety committee to review protocols, discuss hybrid model if and when it happens, budgets for school and teachers. The school nurse discussed COVID-19 procedures, CPR updates, Maggie gives out medications only, no routine vision screening- if parents are concerned about their student's vision, the parents can bring child to school for screening, Professional goals include both personal goals- technology and school goal- literacy. New social worker Heidi Kulicke will be at Beacon Heights in tier 3 intervention. From the faculty meeting Monday 9/21- Friday digital days, the district wants to use these days for the missed days from the power outage, November and March are the other dates. Some concerns with scheduled lunch time- condensed times for first and second grades at 11:45 and grades 3-6 at 12:15. Breaks are also needed.

-PTA, Greta Griffiths update on PTA plan for 2020-2021

Last year's president elects were unable to participate this year and due to school closures, a vote didn't happen last spring. Greta Griffiths is willing to help and be PTA president again this year with Natalie Nelson as treasurer. Goal to have teachers and school feel loved. Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 9 the first Wednesday of the month

-Principal Update, Tim Miller

Recently an audit was performed on Beacon Heights, 95% will be at or above grade level k-2, we currently have paraeducators in these grades. \$15,000 carry over money this year, approved that money for another paraeducator for older grades 3-6 and will work toward the same 95% at or above grade level goal. The position has been filled. Last spring, we were not able to assess students, will look at mid-year data instead. December the report is due. We will look at mid-year data at next meeting- compare it to beginning of school year and look at the prior year

Recommendation- we need to have elections for SCC in the future, we are good to have the group we have. Will strive to have a nomination window and have an actual vote. It would be ideal to stagger the numbers, add 4 new members this year, 4 the following, etc. It is supposed to be a 2-year term. Next fall we will elect more people. Becky Pittam's suggestion is to have parents nominate in the spring.

Update on online school- only 2 students that have not logged in. Beacon Heights received 60 more laptops at our school, due to having a bigger need this fall. Have already given out 200 devices. Feedback is that the teachers provide a good mixed day, parents are getting more comfortable and students more independent. Specials will be graded as N/S.

-Wendy Child PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Plan*

House Bill 58 is requiring that "Each school must also develop a Positive Behavior Plan to address the causes of student use of tobacco, alcohol, electronic cigarette products, and other controlled substances through promoting positive behaviors. The plan shall address issues including peer pressure, mental health, and creating positive relationships. The plan may include programs, clubs, service opportunities, and pro-social activities." New requirements- based on in person school.

SCC/Parent input is required on the following:

Programs, clubs, service opportunities and pro-social activities we already have in place and/or adding to address peer pressure, mental health and creating positive relationships. Plan is due October 9, District came up with ideas that we are already doing: teaching social/emotional lessons every other week by Wendy, parent trainings, vaping seminar, mindful schools training, teachers trained in restorative justice practices (not true for new teachers), safe UT app, talked about vaping and tobacco with 5 and 6th graders. Other suggestions that we have done/are planning on doing: healthy choices/red ribbon week will be in the fall. Questions were brought up about wanting to bring in an honest conversation about controlled substances. Finding curriculum and info --- peer pressure and the role in the media and how it's normalized. In the State core health standards, there is a strand about making wise choices, starting with 1st grade. Emphasized at the meeting to make sure it is age appropriate and talk about problem solving, in positive ways that can make it a broader conversation. Good education for our students. Dealing with mental health- second steps programs, evidence based. Will address this in newsletters, share positive message videos that are age appropriate (having this available in Canvas where students can also access it would be helpful). Keep it positive, be proactive.

A link for the current SHARP survey was shared with the group. The survey is administered every two years, to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 in most public and certain charter school districts across Utah. The survey was designed to assess adolescent substance use, anti-social behavior, and the risk and protective factors that predict these adolescent problem behaviors. You can break the data down by Utah, counties, sexuality, race, gender.
<https://dsamh.utah.gov/reports/sharp-survey>

Meeting adjourned.

SCC Meeting Schedule 2020/2021

Meetings begin at 7:45 am on Zoom until further notice

October 6

November 3

December 1

No January Meeting*

February 2

March 2

April 6

May 4

No June Meeting*