

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Feb 4th, 2021

In attendance: Trish Evens, Susan Zottola, Amy Wels, Mirinda Chatfield, Renee Grant, Michele Napier, Chelsea Daughtery, Cassie Wilkins, Ryan Thompson, Marielle Nelson, Kristin Ryerson, Kirk Kolb, Audra Meyerchin, Barret Sale, Melanie Anderson, Todd Neville

Absent: Steve Monroe, Jennifer McGowan, Marian Szewc,

- Trish made a motion for the group to approve the January minutes by a show of hands in the chat; minutes were unanimously approved
- New courses at GPHS – Michele Napier and Ryan Thompson were present to talk about the five new proposed courses at GPHS. All member received the course outlines in an email prior to this meeting.
 - AP Environmental Science – Elective – 11th/12th grade - Ross St. Clair will teach the class and has a background in Environmental Science. Ryan mentioned that they are considering making science a 4-year requirement instead of three.
 - Money Management & Proposed Growth - Elective – Alison Bolen will teach this class. It will be offered to 9th-12th grades. It is designed to cover various topics such as balancing a checkbook, meal planning, paying bills, budgeting, filing taxes and opening a bank account. They will learn a variety of life skills needed for navigating real life after high school.
 - American Civil War – Elective – Grades: 9-12 - Lois MacMillan will teach this class. This course examines the origins, scope and consequences of the America Civil War era. It is only taught in the eighth grade year and with such haste, that Ms. Mac would like to teach with more depth.
 - Basketball – Elective – 10th-12th grade – Jeff Huston will teach this class as an advanced level PE course. It will teach students the fundamentals of basketball as well as focus on individual skill. This class is designed to teach those students who love to play basketball how to progress their skills in both offense and defense. It requires a student to have taken Intro to PE first.
 - Audition Technique – Elective – 9th-12th grade – Justin Hauke will teach this class. It is designed for students who want/plan to audition for school plays, musicals or plan to major in theater in college. This class will teach speech, auditioning and singing techniques, as well as voice anatomy and breathing. Students must have taken Acting II or audition.
 - Trish asked for members to vote in the chat; the five proposed courses were unanimously approved
- Trish and Ryan went over data from 19-20 graduation rates. Ryan said that there has been growth in the data as far as the dropout rate. They saw an increase in five-year completers as well as an increase in the four-year graduation rates. He said that there is still plenty of room to grow those numbers, but it was exciting to see. Ryan gave credit for some of the growth to the District's Graduation Coach at Gladiola and its Freshman Success Coordinator at GPHS. Trish shared the data chart and went over the numbers and subgroups.
- Susan and Trish went over the 21/22 school calendars for Elementary and Secondary. Only big change is school starting before Labor Day on August 30th.
 - Trish asked for approval of the proposed calendars in the chat; the calendars were unanimously approved
- Trish spoke about schools reopening and the safety measures that are in place so that we can bring 6th-12th grade students back over the course of the next several weeks. There will be an informational town hall meeting Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. for both North and South Middle School families. If no outbreaks are reported in the elementary schools over the next two weeks, that will put a target opening date for MS for the week of February 15th, with high school hopefully two weeks behind them around March 1st. Ryan and Barret spoke about what schedules will look like with start and end times as well as lengths of class periods. There was discussion about volunteers, additional staffing, check in protocols, cell phone use and what days students will attend in the hybrid model.
- No meeting in March, next meeting April 1st at 9:00 via Zoom