

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 7<sup>th</sup>, 20201

**In attendance:** Marielle Nelson, Kristin Ryerson, Melanie Anderson, Steve Monroe, Mirinda Chatfield, Audra Ryerson, Jennifer McGowan, Todd Neville, Chelsea Daughtery, Trish Evens, Susan Zottola, Michele Napier, Kirk Kolb, Cassie Wilkins, Brenda Bunge, Ryan Thompson

**Absent:** Marian Szewc, Amy Wels, Renee Grant

- Trish welcomed the group and asked for an approval for the November minutes. The group voted by a show of hands in the chat feed. The minutes were unanimously approved
- Brenda Bunge was present to share about the new CTE course proposal, GP Design and Manufacturing. It is a course designed to focus on certifications and independent project in the trades. She said that the class will be about teaching students the aspects of the industry and how to run a business. They will be able to procure clients and work with them in various ways to produce products. They will be tasked with meeting with the client, designing the product, calculating costs based on time and materials, and then deciding if they can take on the project or not. Costs will be covered by the school and funding that is available to programs like these.
  - Action item: GP Design and Manufacturing;
  - Trish asked the group to vote on this action item; it was unanimously approved
- Trish, Susan and Kirk all spoke about reopening schools and what that looks like. They talked about what the Governor's announcement two days before Christmas means for GPSD7 students and families. Kirk said that the Governor now making the metrics "advisory" and not "mandatory" is a huge shift from where we were in November when metrics forced all in person learning to cease in grades K-3. He talked about the logistics of bringing kids back and is waiting on clarification from the Health Department on what having rapid testing at each site will look like. Mr. Kolb wants to make sure they have engaged all stakeholders so surveys to both parents and staff have been sent out. New guidance is expected to come out on or before January 19<sup>th</sup> in regards to reopening. Once the district gets that guidance, they will determine what the appropriate approach for reopening will be. One snag the district is running into is it's liability insurance carrier will not cover the district without proper procedures and protocols in place that are aligned with the Governor's recommendations for reopening. When school does return to in person hybrid learning, they will start with Elementary grades K-5<sup>th</sup>. There will no longer be a split of K-3 and 4/5. They will all come back together. The tentative plan is to bring back Elementary students first, wait the two weeks and then cautiously bring back Middle School and then two weeks after that High School, all maintaining the hybrid approach. There was discussion about staffing and technology issues, hybrid teaching, and vaccine requirements.
- Trish introduced Allison Bolen who was present to talk about the new book GPHS is requesting for AP Statistics. Allison said that The Practice of Statistics is the book they are currently using, but they are needing the newer version.
  - Action Item: The Practice of Statistics; 6<sup>th</sup> Edition
  - Trish asked for an approval of this book; it was unanimously approved.
- Next meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.