

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

In attendance: Todd Neville, Michele Napier, Marielle Nelson, Audra Myerchin, Susan Zottola, Trish Evens, Ryan Thompson, Marian Szewc, Mirinda Chatfield, Jennifer McGowan, Melanie Anderson, Cassie Wilkins, Kirk Kolb

Absent: Steve Monroe, Amy Wels

- Welcomes and introductions were done
- Superintendent Kirk Kolb shared the 2020 Strategic Plan for GPSD7. He explained what our vision and mission statements are as a district.
- Trish Evens went over the roles and responsibilities of council members. She explained what the purpose of the council is and how the feedback from members is gathered to provide recommendations to the School Board.
- Trish advised the group that for the time being while we are meeting via zoom that there won't be a need for a council chair or co-chair. We will revisit this once we are able to start holding in person meetings again.
- Kate Weber was present to talk about the book, The House on Mango Street. She shared the course proposal and a brief summary. This book is being recommended for Freshman English at GPHS. Kate mentioned that the book was used for the summer credit retrieval course and it was successful amongst those students.
 - **Action Item:**
 - Approval was sought for the book The House on Mango Street; the book was unanimously approved
- Trish asked for members to look over May's meeting minutes. They were approved
- Susan Zottola gave an update on what is happening with Elementary Education. She mentioned that we are one of only 17 districts in Oregon that are able to hold any type of in person instruction out of 198 districts statewide. She explained the metrics that determine the ability to continue with in person learning for K-3rd grades. She talked about 4th and 5th grade being on Comprehensive Distance Learning(CDL), what their days looks like and how that seemed to be going.
- Trish Evens gave an update on Secondary Education. She described what that looks like for grades 6th – 12th that are currently only in CDL through the first quarter with hopes that in October they can revisit the metrics and discuss options moving forward into second quarter. She touched on some technical aspects we were working through as teachers gear up for the start of instruction next week.
- Principal Ryan Thompson gave some input on the town halls that were held and said although we have a lot of work to do; teachers and students seemed to be doing great so far. Trish and Ryan mentioned the possibility for some hands on instruction for students enrolled in our CTE courses at GPHS and others. Limited In Person Instruction guidance allows for up to 250 student max per week with students placed in a daily cohort of 10. This is in hopes of providing academic and connectivity support for students to be successful.
- Several members offered feedback on how it was going for their students so far and voiced a few concerns that were addressed.
- An update was given for our new program called GP Online which has close to 500 students enrolled with the majority of that being K-5 students. Elementary conducts their work in the program Pearson Connexus and secondary is working in Edgenuity. The question was asked about AP courses being offered and Trish said that AP courses are available through GPO, but they are not the same courses that are offered at GPHS.
- Next meeting will be held October 1st at 9:00 via Zoom.