

**West Missouri P.S.
School Advisory Council Minutes
Monday March 8, 2021 6:30pm**

Present: Darryl Mann, Tammy Adams, Tiffany Grubb, Carissa Kanters, Kendra Bricker, Amanda Borges, Jeannine Poulton, Andrew Poulton, Tara Santagapita, Lindsay Lake, Michelle Coghlin, Eric Beriault, Jeff Nead

Regrets: Alexis Juliao, Blair Masse, Dan McDonald

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: First – Jennine Poulton, Second – Kendra Bricker, Carried

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Facebook Survey Questions –

- 1) If we were to organize a virtual event this spring, what do you feel would be the most useful topic?
 - Mental health & well-being (7 - SAC, 26 - WNPS Parents)
 - Cyber safety & cyber bullying (5 - SAC, 8 - WNPS Parents)
 - Suicide prevention and awareness (3 - SAC, 10 - WNPS Parents)
 - Equity & Inclusion (1 - SAC, 4 - WNPS Parents)
 - Physical activity and healthy eating (1 - SAC, 10 - WNPS Parents)
 - Supporting families with remote learners (3 – WNPS Parents)
- 2) How would you like to become more engaged with the school?
 - Assist with Specific Events (4 - SAC, 6 - WNPS Parents)
 - Attend Events (3 - SAC, 3 - WNPS Parents)
 - Attend School Advisory Council Meetings (4 - SAC)
 - Become a Home & School member and/or attend meetings (1 - SAC)

Event Planning – Darryl has connected with Dr. King to host a virtual event targeted at mental health and support. We have \$1000 available to spend on an event this year. Darryl will share resources with the group to assist in determining the content of the event. Target would be May/June, waiting to hear from Dr. Kings team on the date.

Notice for Accommodations – form to be completed by the school. Families to contact the school if they would like to arrange for an interpreter for future meetings or events.

Meeting Platform – Google Meet is working. Feedback was that Zoom is more ASL friendly.

Outdoor Educational Space - outdoor learning team was out to review the space, natural learning environment to be created using the existing elements – will be back once the weather gets a bit better, create planter boxes. More updates to come from Darryl as new information becomes available.

Face Masks Policies - nothing has changed. Mandatory for all grades unless an exemption is in place. Mask breaks available outside if physical distancing is maintained, or eating. Parents off school property are beyond the control of the school.

Discussion around the decision to keep parents off property, this is directed by MLHU – concerns with too many people congregating around the buses on the sidewalk at drop off and pick-up.

Asymptomatic Testing – limited information available at this time. Parents are interested in understanding this process. What types of tests are being done? How are schools being selected? Concerns noted around the mental health impacts this may have on children.

Principals Report – Report will only be shared with the School Advisory Council moving forward.

Mr. Mann reviewed the following items:

- TVDSB Operational Plan
- TVPIC Parent Involvement Funds
- Every Student Belongs – Survey
- Safe Schools Update – Safe and Inclusive School Plan
- Policy Updates – Code of Conduct, Dress Code, Use of Personal Electronics – review as a committee in April
- School Council Input: School Administration – Darryl to share with the committee, if others would like please request from the school directly

New Business Discussed

- Grade 8 Graduation for those doing online learning this year – will they graduate from their home school?
- Police Activity at the school last week – isolated incident, no safety concerns to the general school community
- Where do teachers/school staff sit on the list of those eligible for vaccinations? – no information at this time

Next Meeting – April 19th – 6:30pm