

APC Minutes for 1-17-19

Members present: Becca Callahan, Julie Kelso, Anna Moore, Lisa Leeper, Sean Knudsen, Kelsey Sosebee, Jeff Collins

Minutes of 12-6-18

Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Possible Lottery Policy Changes

Lisa reminded the group that April is when we need to have any new lottery policy written and approved. We've considered making lottery policy in the past regarding applications of twins. For example, if a twin is drawn in the lottery, should the other twin automatically be admitted at that time? If there is such a policy written, should it include siblings in the same grade that are not twins? In addition, there has been discussion of making policy regarding applicants in the waiting pool that have younger siblings that have already been admitted. Under current policy, they would have preference if there are openings, but should we make an opening for them (making our enrollment exceed 60 students) if they've been waiting for a certain number of years? APC members should come to the February meeting with any ideas they have for lottery changes. Proposed changes to lottery policy should be on the February agenda as new business and on the March agenda as old business, with voting on the changes in April.

Enrollment/Waiting Pool

No change in the enrollment/waiting pool since our last meeting.

Budget

Lisa received a note from the district's accountant that a couple of changes to ACSA's budget will come before the school board in February, specifically, increases to the substitute line item and staff travel line item. Lisa requested funding for a full-time aide in December. Superintendent Schieldbach said that it would be a consideration once the district had a better idea of what their final FY 19 budget looks like. No further word on this request has been forthcoming from the district. We do have approximately \$20,000 left in the "support staff" line item. Now that Tahsha is not our admin assistant, Alisha is taking on that position for 2 hours a day. Lisa's preference is to have a least a half time position. The approximate cost of a full-time position (pay grade of a secretary) with benefits is \$50,000.

Activities Coaching Contract

Colleen is requesting extra duty pay for being the ACSA student council advisor. Beltz pays the junior high student council advisor \$650 and Lisa is suggesting that we offer the same amount to Colleen. Lisa asked that members look over the draft contract before the next meeting.

Training Travel Requests

Jeff submitted a request to go to ASTE and Colleen submitted a request for coding training. Colleen has applied for a scholarship for her tuition. Discussion ensued about the need to develop a rubric and/or professional development plan to use in the future to evaluate requests for training. Julie made a motion to approve both requests, Sean seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Letter of Request for Assistance from Behavioral Health

Lisa noted we have an increasing number of students needing help with their emotional health. Sean suggested that we put down on paper exactly what we are seeking from the health professionals at Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). He explained that there are many complex issues with patient confidentiality that we need to be aware of and we should seek guidance from NSHC as to the proper procedures. Lisa will send an email to NSHC which outlines our needs and requests a meeting.

4th Quarter Electives

We need to fill about six weeks for the last quarter with electives. Lisa asked APC members to put feelers out for community members to help with two, three-week sessions, or three, two-week sessions during 5th hour, from 1:35 – 2:15, the last two weeks of March and all of April. It can be an outdoor or indoor activity with varying class sizes, depending on the wants of the volunteer. Photography, journalism, music, science investigations, Zumba, foreign language, cooking, skin sewing, soccer and swimming are a few ideas. Julie inquired about bringing back “ZAP” which stands for Zeroes Aren’t Permitted. Students that are not turning in work or just need extra time at school to complete work would go to ZAP at least once a week in place of an elective. Lisa will discuss with staff to see if there is any time to build in a ZAP situation.

School Safety Update

We had a surprise lockdown drill last week. The students did well. Lisa followed up to make sure the police and fire department have keys to our building. The tech department has been helping Lisa test the intercom system that can be used during a lockdown.

APC Goals

Lisa is interested in seeing what the APC sees as priorities for our school. We don’t have a specific outline. One thing we need to do is distribute overall schoolwide MAP testing results to the APC in advance of the next meeting so that the APC can have time to review and formulate questions in advance. Julie suggested a work session or series of sessions for strategic planning. Lisa stated that we could also visit parts of the charter during the sessions.

Admin Comments

Beginning January 30, minimum days will now be every Wednesday until the end of the year. Students are released at 2:40 on Wednesdays. We will forgo electives on those days.

Upcoming Meetings

Strategic Planning Work Session, February 21, 5:30 – 7:00

Regular Meeting, February 28, 5:30 – 7:00