

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

The Superintendent's Advisory Committee is designed to allow faculty at all eight schools to communicate with Dr. Kizner. It is intended to focus more on staff than students. Questions should be shared with principals prior to being submitted to Dr. Kizner.

1. Redistricting Information: Scenario 7a has been adopted

- a. The school board adopted it on December 6, 2016
- b. Adjustments will be made as necessary: note
 - i. Spotswood has the highest density of students--they are opening with more kids than they have this year. We are moving people west. Keister families in Dual Language have the option of going to BES
 - ii. Keister has the biggest impact, 210 kids - they are opening with 300 kids. They may have a Dual Language Kindergarten, if a qualified teacher is hired. The newcomer program & Welcome Center will go there too.
- c. On Friday, December 9th - Staff who have asked to go to BES will find out if they will go there. Once they know, then we post their positions. All internal positions should be filled by February before the February job fairs.
- d. Timeline:
 - December - Public hearing, school board adopts redistricting plan
 - January - April - Administrators meet with parent groups and start the process of staff reassignments
 - August - New schools open and division plan implemented

2. Preliminary Budget Information

- a. December 6, 2016 - the governor will amend the budget, the general assembly will adopt the budget, proposals include: 2 % increase for teachers/3% increase for teacher assistants.
- b. Dr. Kizner will meet with the City Manager in December to get insight on their budget.
- c. Health insurance will go up.
- d. Due to innovations and program changes:
 - i. The budget process will be later this year. There is a lot of working parts. With ESSA in place, next year there will be a rollout of new requirements: graduation and SOL.
 - ii. HHS - a Health Science Pathway may be available as an exploratory for 10th-12th graders, with some flexibility for 11th graders - It will lead to career certification.
 - iii. World Language program at HHS - The goal is to expand foreign language offerings. It is also about learning the cultures and traditions. Jeremy Aldrich is leading this effort.
 - iv. Alternative program for middle school students is being developed. Kris Vass, Pat Lintner, middle school staff and others have been meeting to talk about alternative programs.
 - v. A daycare for staff children is being investigated (it will be like a cooperative and cost neutral) - This will be really complicated but it's worth brainstorming about. An exploratory committee will be formed. No starting date has been determined.
 - vi. January 28th - HHS will have their 3rd graduation.

3. Preliminary Calendar Discussion

- a. What will drive the calendar is the construction projects.
- b. What is the earliest day we can start school? We usually try to align with Rockingham County.

4. State Education Issues

- a. 3 areas that need to be considered/reviewed because they are tied to state funding: Standards of Quality (SOQ), Standards of Accreditation (how to get accredited), a profile of a high school graduate (competencies that they have met)/performance based tests.
- b. ESSA has given more flexibility to the states.

5. Building Project Update

- a. Bluestone and Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center are on schedule.

6. Questions, Issues and Around the Horn:

Let Kelly Lineweaver know if there are great things that are happening at schools

SMES – We had 45 Smithland families participate in the Holiday Parade, they were either on the Smithland Sound float or walking along side it.

THMS – Governor’s wife was at their school and highlighted the cafeteria staff

SKMS – Sarah Husein with Gus Bus met Michelle Obama

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017