

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 2, 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: Central Office wants to be transparent about the process

Redistricting power point -

<http://www.harrisonburg.k12.va.us/HarrisonburgCitySchools/media/images/Documents/Community/Redist.-Powerpoint-Board-Nov-1-FINAL.pdf>

- a. The school board had the second public hearing on November 1st.
 - i. Scenario seven was visited, however, scenario six is still liked but seven will be effective
 - ii. Variables to consider: class sizes, density of students, projected enrollments
 - iii. The dual language is concerning with the numbers of classes and the staffing that needs to be put in place
 - iv. Timeline:
November - Public hearing, school board discussion of plan, and feedback received
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

- b. Information from Andrew Ansoorian: a brief summary of the plan *with a lot of moving parts*
 - i. Andrew Ansoorian & Jeremy Weaver have been meeting with middle schools and they have developed a list of questions. A meeting with Dr. Kizner will happen soon within the next 5-10 business days. They want to publish the questions and answers/FAQ sheet
 - ii. Middle school teachers /5th grade & other internal candidates: They will need to get settled into assignments before recruitment season. There will be 6 Job Fairs around February
 - iii. Notification of interest letters will be shared later

2. Preliminary Budget Information

- a. There have been new hires due to the unanticipated amount of students who have enrolled and continue to enroll, for example: refugee resettlement students - the right thing to do is to add another teacher but we did not budget for that.
 - i. School budgets have not been touched but CO has been asked to make some spending cuts
 - ii. People and utilities are the biggest expenses!
 - iii. In the middle of December, Governor McAuliffe will give a budget outlook
 - iv. In December, Dr. Kizner will go over next year's budget

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

Building Project Update

- a. Bluestone and Elon Rhodes are on schedule.
- b. HHS is 1720 now, and will be over 1800 next year, we need to revisit how to manage this influx of students and the building capacity of HHS. This will need to be discussed with City Council

Questions, Issues and Around the Horn:

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

@7pm Friday, middle schoolers will be presenting at Court Square - they did a mini presentation at the school board meeting - they won a gold ranking for their category!

The community event at Ralph Sampson Park was wonderful

SMES – We have two correlates who have initiated two different programs:

Home School Relations--Our school has 40 dads that have signed up to help out at the school and be positive male role models for SMES students.

Safe & Orderly--SMES has Ambassadors with 40+ students who serve and represent SMES.

Question: With redistricting happening, will there be different start times for: elementary, middle, or high school?

Answer: Nothing will change for next year. Fall of 2018 - A committee will be created to evaluate starting times for all of the schools.

WES – Math night with JMU Partnering.

THMS – They had a great beginning to the year. A thank you for supporting the fine arts! They had a great fall festival day.

Question: With the opening of the new school, will it be before Labor Day.

Answer: They will be looking at next year's calendar soon.

SES – They had a great evening event for Hispanic Heritage month. All of the kids voted for the president. They collect cloths and gave away 800 lbs. of cloths.

HHS – Portrait of a graduate. Our counselors helped students by giving them college (fair) support.

KES – Everything is good

SKMS – Nothing to share

SSES - They had Fun Day - a lot of parents came out. Fun with Friends - SPED students paired with 3rd grade buddies.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2016