

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 5, 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

- a. Information from Craig Mackail: a brief summary of the plan
 - i. There is a PowerPoint on the HCPS website:
http://www.harrisonburg.k12.va.us/HarrisonburgCitySchools/media/images/Documents/Community/Redistrict_SBpres_100416.pdf
 - ii. Data: we have approximately 6,200 HCPS students, 5,800 of them are NOT preschoolers.
 - WES/KES/BES – will feed into THMS
 - SSES/SMES/SES – will feed into SKMS(data will be populated to reflect: free & reduced, preschool, SPED , and other categories)
 - iii. SMES/SSES/BES have the least populated areas, while SES/KES/WES have the highest density of students, the goal is to push WEST
- b. Redistricting Committee (1 parent & 1 teacher from each school) has met four times about the 2 new building projects.
- c. Teaching reassignments:
 - i. Anne Lintner the Principal of Bluestone Elementary has a planning committee of 7 different positions that will represent the new elementary school.
 - ii. Mid-late November/December – all positions for the Bluestone Elementary will be posted for internal candidates. Outside candidates will be sought later.
 - iii. KES's dual program and staff will be going to Bluestone Elementary (K-4).
 - Parents of Dual Waterman and Keister students will be invited; they have a choice to attend the new school or stay at their previous school.
 - Dr. Kizner supports biking and walking to school but based on all the factors, it is not a primary driving decision for redistricting.
 - iv. The Newcomer program will be at KES because they will lose the most students.
 - v. SES will open closest to capacity

2. Budget Information

- a. Dr. Kizner is considering our 3 funding resources: Federal, State, & Title 1.
 - i. Our enrollment is going up, so our State funding reflects this.
 - ii. We have had unanticipated personnel expectations that impact the budget.
 - iii. Budget reduction has been asked of Central Office staff to off balance unexpected new costs. For example: Budgets have been asked to be reduced by 10% = \$600,000
 - iv. How can we save money as a division: reduce the use of substitutes, awareness of division cost – such as use of: temperature in buildings, shutting down/not using devices more than necessary
 - v. We will have some new school board and city council members. It will be important to collaborate with both parties, after the election
 - vi. Dr. Kizner may want to address budget concerns with City Council

3. Division-wide Initiative

- a. HHS – 9th and 10th grade students receive a Chromebook.
- b. SES – Expansion of Dual Language

4. Building Project Update

- a. Both Elon Rhodes & Bluestone Elementary will open on time.
- b. There is consideration for HHS to add space for an additional 800 students.
 - i. 1720 is the current capacity and 2150 is the capacity goal
 - ii. Additions include: science labs, support for STEM, the Arts, students with special needs and more
 - iii. There will be more discussion after the election for some new school board and city council members

5. Issues and Around the Horn

SMES – Morning Movement and Morning Meetings have been great changes to our school that positively impacts all students

WES – Teachers like breakfast in the classroom, everyone gets breakfast ☺

THMS – The building is cooler and everyone is “awake and alert”, since their HVAC has been inconsistent due to age

SES – They have a new garden that is become a wonderful teaching space

HHS – In October all student in 9th-11th grade will be exposed to PSAT testing at no cost to students!

Freshman orientation went well, students enjoyed the procedure exposure

KES – There is new administration and everything is going well!

SKMS – DLT impacts administrator coverage - Can a rotation of administrative staff be considered?

Students enjoyed their hands-on field trips

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2016