

Meeting Notes

Date: 19 October 2021, 9:30-11 AM
Subject: Parent Superintendent Advisory Council
Location: Board Room at 16 Weldon
Preparer: Radhika deSilva (Holicong Representative)
Participants: A parent from each school and presided by Dr. Lucabaugh

1. Everyone introduced themselves briefly.
2. Dr. Lucabaugh asked parents to add, edit or delete the Norms that CBE students had established.
 - Be honest and respectful, be open to all ideas
 - Develop solutions; identify the problem
 - Be present and attentive
 - Function as equals
 - Be ambassadors for our schools and selves, allowing a 2-way dialog
 - Take the long view
3. Breakout session grouped by elementary, middle and high school. Middle and High school parents decided to combine the groups. Input from the small group:
 - a. Mental health and social issues are key.
 - b. Vaping in bathrooms.
 - c. Drugs and alcohol. MS parents had more to share.
 - d. Sexual interactions. Emphasis by MS parents.
 - e. Cyber challenges.
 - f. Social media. Tik tok.
 - g. Eating disorders.
 - h. Enhancing school spirit. Need to encourage each other, groups. Attending each other's sports events; getting public service credits for doing so.
 - i. Lunch & Learn in HS may be a problem because that's another hour that students need to fill on their own.
4. Larger group.
 - a. Academic gap in elementary school. Teachers postponing tests because some students don't have mastery of material while some other students are bored. Assess if the HS and MS tutoring program could be extended to Elementary; that could be a win-win for both tutors and tutees.
 - b. Differences in homework policies.
 - c. The lower rigor during COVID months may have impacted students' executive functions. Ability to manage time, prioritize, take notes, etc. Show students a bag of tricks to help them succeed in school and life.
 - d. The jump from ES to MS and MS to HS can be tough for some students. Help deal with anxiety.

Superintendent Priorities

1. H&S of students and staff, including medical, physical, emotional and well-being.
2. Keeping schools open. Students are happy to be back. Pivoting back to online would be tough.
3. Deliver high quality, research-based education and instruction. Promote learning. Equity – give the students what they need based on where they are.

Administrative

- Expect survey within a week.
- Potentially add a few more meetings to the presently planned four.
- Need bus drivers!
- The email last night about online option ... applies only if student has doctor's note. The program made possible after MOU with teachers' union.