

Minutes of the SW PTAC meeting. January 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

1. Security/lockdown procedures. Questions have been raised about individual school procedures. These are not public knowledge. Each teacher in the district has a flip chart with responses to all types of emergencies that may happen in the building or individual classroom. The situation will determine as to how a lockdown or other security measure is called for. Principals can call for a lockdown if the threat is immediate. There are now panic buttons. Police/fire also have copies of lockdown procedures for each of our buildings.

The district is in the process of hiring a part time security officer. The position will be 19.5 hours weekly. He will make visits to each school and continually review procedures. A security grant of \$200,000 was won and is being used for communications.

Continuing to grow membership and attendance at PTAC meetings is a concern. All schools have a PTAC link on their websites. The Parent SEE group will also have a part. We need to update so that we can use parents' skills and talents.

CCSS Parent-Teacher forum is being held on 1-25-14. There has been a flyer shared throughout the district and information can be found on the CEA website. It is the same day as the BOE budget workshop, however. Along with this, questions were asked if information on SBAC testing can be shared. There are practice tests. The group asked if this information could be shared again with parents.

Channel 19- a question was asked if Channel 19 could air the 7th grade mock trial competition between Dag and Moran.

Also with Channel 19, there will be original programming broadcasted for families of pre-school children. The district's teachers will present programs around literacy, numeracy, art, science and music. There will be parent forums, as well. Going forward, there will be programming of interest to the different grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and HS.

An idea for MS was building independence. Fire safety and lead paint exposure were also discussed.

Budget process for 2014-15. Budget overview will be presented on 1-13-14 and the first budget workshop will be held on 1-25-14. Updates will be posted on the website and a pamphlet of the whole process was shared.

Cameras on buses were discussed. 3 cameras on each bus will be in use. There will be constant monitoring. This has cost a 2.75% increase in the bus contract.

Career Center update-a systemwide letter to send out was shared. New updates on parent

skills and talents that they are willing to share will be going into a new database for use by students and the district.

Along with this, HUBCAP is getting ready to open. A merge of data will occur with the Chamber of Commerce and the career center. It was suggested that this letter be sent via principals in their parent newsletters/blasts.

Re-branding of PTAC. Attendance and participation is dropping. The group discussed ways to increase membership by name changing and determining what does the group mean to each stakeholder-Parents, teachers, administrators. What does this group do? is a question that needs to be answered for many of these stakeholders.

Next meeting

2-10-14 6pm before the BOE Operations meeting.