

PHMS SIC MINUTES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Attendance: Torya Evans, Michael Lambrecht, Becky Banks, Susan Mill, Joanna Alford, Jessica Whetstone, Nathan Finnell & Dr. Thomas Rivers

Meeting Facilitator: Thomas Rivers

I. Motion to Open Meeting

- 9:05 a.m.

II. Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and Mrs. Susan Mill mentioned the misspelling of Mr. Rabin's last name (was Robin). Correction made and minutes approved.

III. Remarks/Welcome/Introductions: Dr. Rivers (no visitors)

IV. Old Business

- **Survey** – Dr. Rivers provided an overview of the surveys that went out this year:
 - 8th Grade Satisfaction Survey
 - 6th Grade Transition Survey regarding “homework” and how teachers adjusted based on responses from the survey
 - Transportation Survey – Focused on how we could relieve some of the traffic congestion during after school pick-up (i.e. Utilizing buss loop for car poolers, etc...)
 - There was a suggestion made get a copy of the 8th grade survey and send to the 7th graders to use as a baseline to see what happens between 7th and 8th graders.
 - Becky Banks mentioned that the parent survey she took made her feel as though she had a voice to express her thoughts and ideas.
 - Susan Mills suggested to send out a survey at the beginning of the school year to parents to inquire about what they want to see from the SIC. Sort of an “idea” survey and then a “satisfaction” survey to follow at the end of the year.
- **Legislative Issues** – Dr. Rivers discussed the grading system for schools – A-F (Below average, Average, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory)...He expressed how the “F” in the grading scale is often not a good fit for a school as it can send the wrong message about a school or a school district. Dr. Rivers passed out a “blog” from K. Freeman called “LESSONS IN LINGERING A-F SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY. Dr. Rivers expressed that as SIC members, we need to advocate for education in general – not just for our schools. Encourage students to send their input to legislators as well.
 - Nathan Finnell discussed how voucher money has been used and how it can really affect schools that don't have the kind of support PHMS has.

- Dr. Rivers shares his perspective from being employed in schools located in rural areas, as well as being employed in more fortunate schools. He shared that he just wants all SIC members and teachers to be aware of the pros and cons of what these schools face when dealing with Legislative Issues.
 - Advance Ed interview – Susan Mills shared that there were about 8 people broken up in different rooms from Midway, Pelion, etc.... and there were two interviewers from Advance Ed. They had great things to say about our school.
 - Dr. Rivers shared that the lead evaluator, Dr. Oborn spent a ½ day at PHMS. He stated that the interviewers wanted to see what we did as a district and gave their input. They were impressed with our school district (gave a strong review). Dr. Rivers mentioned that the last recommendation from 5 years ago was to not have so many initiatives; we have cut down on some of those as a district and made those initiatives that are in place stronger.
- **Beautification** – SIC members discussed how beautiful the school looked with the new mural and art work that has been added over the last month.
- **Watch D.O.G. Program Overview** (www.fathers.com/watchdogs)
- Michael Lambrecht informed the committee that 2 Watch D.O.Gs have come in; he and a friend of his named (Bret). They concentrated on the 8th grade hall. They are still working on the schedule and see some things they like and some things they want to possibly change. They have about 16 other names on the list so far for the Watch D.O.G Program and are shooting for 30. They hope to help with morning drop off and afternoon carpool.
 - Michael Lambrecht informed the SIC that he sat down with PHMS Resource Officer (Candi) regarding pictures that were emailed around that were not appropriate. He mentioned that some students may have drop boxes on their phones and could be dropping inappropriate pictures in there. Michael stated that our kids really don't know the ramifications of what they're doing with passing along these pictures, emails, Instagram etc.... It is becoming more and more of a problem. Michael suggested that maybe the Resource Officer could speak on cell phone and Social Media awareness.
 - Susan Mills shared that she attended a conference in Atlanta, GA on Social Media. –She stated that kids should be aware of the perception they give others by putting inappropriate things on their phone – it could send a message that “reflects” who they are. -- Even though they delete it, it's still there and they need to be made aware of this. Susan suggested having someone come in possibly during ILT to teach awareness to the children.

- Becky Banks suggested getting a younger student to come in and talk to the kids (so they could relate). Suggest us needing something (a forum, speaker, etc...) for the parents to understand and something for the kids as well.
- Torya suggested getting someone to come in and talk, but have real situations and proof of the punishments that resulted from misuse of social media and cell phones.
- Joanna Alford suggested bringing in “actual teens” who have served time and learned from their mistake to talk to children.
- SIC discussed other social media live sites such as House Party, Periscope, etc....
- Dr. Rivers will see what he can work on regarding Social Media Awareness for next year.
- Watch D.O.Gs are trying to work out agenda to accompany 8th graders on field trip
- Dr. Rivers stated that he and the staff appreciate and look forward to the Watch Dogs being on campus.

V. New Business: NONE

VI. District/School Items: Dr. Rivers will talk with Jeff Salters regarding sidewalks coming from the new housing developments on Rawl Road to the school.

VII. Monthly Calendar/Open Forum

- April 10-17 Spring Break
- May 1 – Interim Reports
- May 3-5 – 8th Grade Washington, DC trip
- May 10-16 – SC PASS/SC READY
- May 11 - Sports Banquet
- May 12 – Cougar Carnival
- May 25 – 6th Grade Medieval Times Trip
- May 25 – 8th Grade Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- May 26 – 8th Grade trip to Carowinds
- May 30 – 6th Grade Awards Ceremony
- March 22 – Report Cards Issued
- April 10-17 Spring Break
- *Trying to coordinate a date for the 8th Grade formal for chaperones and students.

VIII. Next SIC meeting dates: – **April 27, 2017 @ 9:00 am**
(May 24, 2017 @ 9:00 am)

IX. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 9:51 am

- May 24, 2017 @ 9:00 am

