

PHMS SIC MINUTES

Monday, 24 October 2016

Attendance: Torya Evans, Michael Lambrecht, Chris DePace, Becky Banks, Jessica Whetstone, Jeannette Rivera, Halee Munsch & Dr. Thomas Rivers

Meeting Facilitator: Jessica Whetstone

I. Motion to Open Meeting

- 9:00 a.m.

II. Minutes: Minutes were approved from September's SIC meeting

III. Remarks/Welcome/Introductions: Visitor – Mr. Steven Murray

IV. Watch D.O.G.S. Program Overview (www.fathers.com/watchdogs)

- Watch D.O.G.S.(Dads of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering
- Goals of the Watch D.O.G.S. Program
 - To provide positive male role models for the students demonstrating by their presence that education is important
 - To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying
- Mr. Steven Murray presented a video from NBC's TODAY Show featuring the Watch D.O.G. Program in Berkley County West Virginia with Matt Lauer
- Watch D.O.G Program is a National Program for K-12 that invites, fathers, grandfathers, uncles or father figures to volunteer one full day at their child's school during the school year
- Pleasant Hill and Deer Field Elementary Schools have Watch D.O.G Programs and Meadow Glenn Elementary is starting one
- Studies show that children are twice as likely to graduate high school if they have an active male role model in their lives
- There are a variety of T-Shirts to choose from to easily identify school Watch D.O.G.S.
- Launch Event for program could be a pizza party where flyers are sent out inviting interested Dads (or Father Figures) to join
- Thorough background checks will be done initially and yearly thereafter
- Start-up fee for Watch D.O.G.S. Program is \$450 and can be paid by the PTA, corporate sponsors, etc...
- Dr. Rivers suggested starting with a small group of people to see how the program would fair in the middle school environment (by November)

- Mr. Michael Lambrecht volunteered to do the “test pilot” for the program with completion of the pilot before the winter break and in hopes of having the program up and running by the spring of 2017
- Mr. Steve Murray volunteered to do some research and contact the National Office to get the Watch D.O.G.S. Program model for the middle school

V. Old Business: Survey

- Dr. Rivers will send out an email reminding parents to take the survey for the school

VI. New Business:

Election of SIC Offices

- Committee decided to wait until the November SIC meeting to elect new officers due to absence of several SIC members

School Board Candidate Forum Update

- Not enough time to organize/host the School Board Candidate Forum discussed last month
- Dr. Rivers will be sending out correspondence to parents regarding what candidates are running for election/re-election for School Board

School Data Overview

- South Carolina standardized tests (2): PASS (Science/Social Studies) and SC READY (ELA/Math)
- PHMS did very well overall. The goal is to maintain or increase our academic rating
- Overall compared to Lexington and Meadow Glenn Middle Schools, Pleasant Hill Middle School out performed them in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies
- About 90% of the students met or exceeded the goal in Social Studies and Science
- Handout was shared with SIC members showing the overall results for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies

VII. District/School Items: Make-Up Days

- Dr. Rivers explained to SIC members that the district will have to make up two more days due to Hurricane Matthew. No dates have been confirmed
- “Tentatively” there will be a teacher work day scheduled for June 5th and the Monday following. These dates have not been approved as of yet

VIII. Monthly Calendar/Open Forum

- Football Team playing this week to see who goes to the playoffs
- Bus issue (doubling back to run routes) has been resolved due to another driver being hired
- District working on new initiative which will send out text message to parents notifying them of where their child’s bus is. No time frame has been given for completion and roll-out of this initiative

IX. Next SIC meeting date: – 28 November 2016 at 9:00 a.m. (Red Lab at PHMS)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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