

# Big Hollow School District 38

## Citizen's Advisory Council Minutes

October 24, 2016

- Call to order and Roll Call
- Erik Fries
- Lauren Plescia
- Emile Danca
- Simon Vasey
- Tonya Wibbenmeyer
- Lauren Mateja
- Justin Smith
- Steve Avallone
- Laurie Fulton
- Laura Grimes
- Krista Burg
- Farrah S
- Jackie Black
- Renee Dietrichy
- Shelby Swi
- Malachi (?) absent

### **B. Approve minutes of the September 26, 2016 CAC meeting**

- Cynthia has left the committee

### **C. Update on mold remediation at BHSD Elementary School—Mr. Gold**

- Mr. Gold provided review of the mold remediation timeline
- Air was not contaminated Aug. 3
- August 25 last paragraph - still no air contamination after treatment. Even less mold than external contamination levels. (Middle School)
- Sept. 5 Primary building tested
- Cause is still being debated. Thoughts include cleaning company have have cause the contamination during the humid summer. Also possibly the HVAC system - currently being inspected. Insurance inspectors cited poor air flow. Cleaning regiment was too speedy - cleaning company possibly to blame. Carpet removal was challenge due to closeness of start of school year. 5 rooms selected to keep carpet due to no mold found. Cost was getting prohibitive. Tile option would take too long. (Check notes 1:30-1:00).

- District's insurance company will be pursuing the cleaning company's insurance company. We are seeking maximum return from insurance company at this point. There was discussion about possibly causes and fault.
- New flooring is easier to maintain.
- Through state, we are trying to lower energy usage. Company is reviewing school systems to look for inefficiencies.
- Question - are we going to monitor mold on a continuing basis? No plans at present but Mr. Gold will look into that. Is mold problem a contributing factor to reported absences?
- Mr. Gold will also consider communication in parent-friendly language.
- Discussion about carpet vs. tile etc.

**D. Follow-up from last meeting regarding the BHS Wellness Policy—Mr. Gold**

- Wellness policy page 6
- Superintendent appoints wellness committee to oversee development etc.
- Breakfast program going well - over 400 breakfasts being served daily.
- Questions - is effect on academics measurable yet? Nothing noticed yet, but has become part of morning routine now. Less bumpy start than predicted. Similar interruption as snack time. Can parents provide own breakfast? No - purchase only, mainly due to allergy concerns. Hoping to see academic improvements. Some kids who can get free breakfast do not get it. Room for flexibility - yes to a point.

**E. Input on District calendar for 2017-2018 –Mr. Gold**

- Calendar Handout for 2017-2018
- Try to stay with Grant break schedule
- Christmas break challenges this year - Christmas is on Monday.
- Committee is reviewing options. Community input?
- Pros and cons of split holidays and how Grant school makes holiday calendar decisions especially winter and spring break
- Decision finalized by December board meeting - likely

**F. Early release days: How are they utilized? –Mrs. Arndt**

- Big review process
- Fine Arts teachers visited other schools
- Homework policy discussed
- Grade level team meetings - prep, curriculum school improvement
- Data days
- Concussion training
- Visible Learning speaker
- Vertical alignment

- CPI training
- National Board training
- 2 hour long early release day schedule. One hour for training, one hour decided by teachers. Often.
- Exhibit - graphs to show last year and plan for this year. Brainstorming chart to decide focus
- Question about National Board training - currently 15 staff working on the process. Mrs. Z is only board certified staff member and is mentoring staff through the process. Teacher input was useful and needed. Vertical alignment - staff heard. Additional team time was also requested and granted.
- Question about standards based report cards. Report card changes being changed ongoing process.

### **G. Review of School Improvement Plans – Principals**

- Handout - executive summary
- Areas of improvement
  - Primary Building
    - Vertical alignment
      - Curriculum committees for 16-17 school year
      - PreK student achievement (MyIGDIs) data collection 16-17
      - NWEA MAP scores - goals to meet growth goals.(Assessment dates on website)
      - No Fall assessment this year - trying to reduce test load on students.
  - Explaining more about MAP for parents - when/why/who etc. How does this all fit into Rtl and Title 1?
  - Can school better communicate assessment concepts for parents (e.g. Rtl night)
  - Discussion about various intervention options (EPIC time?)
  - Increase collaboration between all staff, parents, and students (see action plan items)
  - Feedback - questions that could be answered via school communication - what do families need to know?
- Elementary Building
  - Vertical alignment
  - Student achievement
  - Collaboration and communication
- Middle School Building
  - Reading and Math growth
  - Enrichment, practice, interventions, collaboration

**H. Homework policies/philosophies in each building –Principals**

- Tabled until next meeting - handouts distributed

**I. Review progress on CAC objectives for SY 16-17 –Mr. Gold**

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**J. Other**

- Facebook page
- Proposal to change start time 6:00
  - Approved

**K. Adjournment –8:03 p.m.**