

CSHS School Advisory Council Meeting
January 13th, 2021

Attendees: Blake Fry, Erica Andersen, Jodi Lesko, Paula Wittke, Kara Johnson, Kim Jones, Sue Woltanski, Paula Wittke, Veronica Gutierrez, Tari Conley, Donna Webb, Joy Smith, Mary Houston, Kim Jones, Kim McDaniel, Jessica Serota, Katie Holly, Sheila Gonzalez, Narelle Prew.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 @ 6pm, CSHS Media Center

Chair Jodi Lesko called meeting to order at 6:01pm.

12/9/20 Minutes

12/9/20 Meeting Minutes were approved - first by Jessica Serota.

Principal Report

COVID 19 Update

Principal Blake Fry referenced the MCSD COVID 19 Dashboard on the clear touch screen for District cases – a couple of CSHS cases are still in progress. Key West High School leads with 39 cases, compared to 12 (9 students, 3 teachers) at CSHS. CSHS is the safest environment for students; current CSHS cases being investigated originated outside of campus during Winter Break.

Curriculum Guide/Night

Teachers will go through the curriculum, adding and deleting as necessary. Simultaneously, students will populate their schedules. The final curriculum/schedule is created with the needs of the students and availability of teachers for those subjects in mind. CSHS has 702 students. 2/3 of CSHS teachers operate 6 of 7 periods in order to offer the number of courses, including a robust AP program.

Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo stressed the schedule is student-driven. 15 students minimum are required for each course. Data is used to recommend students for courses; it's a lengthy process. Electives are in focus; sometimes courses are combined - students choose up to 5. Because there is not a guarantee students will be given their top choices, students should ensure all 5 electives chosen are subjects they are interested in taking.

The budget is unknown for 2021/2022; still no indication from the State. CSHS used the same budget as 2019/2020 for 2020/2021.

Curriculum Night will not be traditional, more details to follow. Note: It is not a teacher/parent conference evening. Ms. Erica Andersen discussed some internal issues i.e. what needs to be added and deleted. Once completed, the Curriculum Guide will be available online.

A/B Schedule has been beneficial for the 1st semester – final grades were posted this past Friday (1/8/21).

CSHS is checking what can be done to help seniors – 22 seniors are coming back full-time on campus. CSHS Media Center is being used for credit recovery as it is not used during the day due to COVID.

Dr. Murphy and Superintendent Theresa Axford are meeting tomorrow (1/14/21).

Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo reported the last 25 senior students are working on graduation scores – Algebra (12), Reading (13). 12 seniors sit the PERT exam (last year it exists) tomorrow (1/14/21). If they pass, they do not need to take Algebra and Reading exams.

PSAT – if kids pass Algebra in PSAT they do not need to sit Algebra. 9th Graders still need Geometry.

Regarding progress monitoring there is no huge gap. 10th Grade Reading scores are ahead of last year.

Testing schedules are not yet finalized – more updates next month for parents.

Homecoming

Events will depend on COVID 19 exposure level; cannot do traditional pep rallies. Some events are being tabled towards the end of the year; crowds need to be controlled.

Sheila Gonzales and Katie Holly distributed copies of a tentative schedule of events, which, due to the A/B schedule, will occur over a 2-week period, beginning January 25th – no dance, pep rally, powder puff or volley puff. The theme is “Outer Space;” King and Queen will be announced during 6th period on February 5th. Homecoming is student-driven – Principal Blake praised the students for their creative schedule.

Graduation

Grad Bash trip to Universal is still on the senior agenda. Graduation will be held on the football field; seating will be determined using social distancing. The District is seeing spikes, so need to err on the side of caution.

Prom

One senior parent commented that if Prom is canceled, and if some seniors did not attend last year’s Prom, then there will be seniors graduating without ever attending a Prom.

Prom will remain on the calendar – Administration will monitor infection spread.

Answers to Fielded Questions

1. Administration was asked about seniors painting parking spots, a senior tradition. Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo reported senior parking spots were not sold this year – received parking money went into the student government account to offset Homecoming. Paying for parking is on a first come, first served basis; spots are usually chosen according to students’ schedules. However, this is a senior tradition Administration is willing to discuss further – seniors would need to paint half a parking spot due to A/B schedule.
2. Sheila Gonzalez asked about the status of off-campus lunch. Principal Blake Fry stated that the District is firm on its disapproval; the concern is groups of students going off-campus and, although adhering to social distancing and mask wearing, bringing COVID back to campus, which could force the school to be closed.
3. An attendee asked about a subject that was dropped last year due to lack of interest, would it be offered again? Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo responded that the subject will be included in the 2021/2022 guide providing there is a teacher to teach it.

Other

4. New elective, Cosmetology, will be available for 2021/2022 School Year.
5. Home Economics classroom has been revamped - new gas lines have been installed; new teacher will be transferring from Key Largo School.
6. Staff Changes:
 - i. Chris Catlett (Marine Mechanics) is retiring – 6 years experience required for this position; no degree. Yamaha has designed the program. If a replacement cannot be found, the course will be taught by Auto Mechanics teacher.
 - ii. Principal Blake Fry announced his retirement, scheduled for the end of this school year; last year’s retirement revoke was explained.
 - iii. Mrs. Mary Jo Fry is also retiring.
7. Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 SAC meeting confirmed for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm