

CSHS School Advisory Council Meeting
December 9th, 2020

Attendees: Blake Fry, Kristy Munafo, Ana Alvaro, Jake Hurst, Darren Pais, Jodi Lesko, Paula Wittke, Kara Johnson, Kim Jones, Sue Woltanski, Paula Wittke, Stephan Thomson, Stephanie Townsend, Sheila Gonzalez, Narelle Prew.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 @ 6pm, CSHS Media Center

Chair Jodi Lesko called meeting to order at 6:02pm.

11/18/20 Minutes

10/28/20 Meeting Minutes were approved - first by KLS Assistant Principal Darren Pais, seconded by Sheila Gonzalez.

Principal Report

COVID 19 Update

Principal Blake Fry referenced the MCSD COVID 19 Dashboard on the clear touch screen for District cases – updated since 8/31/2020 by Dr. Murphy; 87 students (8 at CSHS), 10 teachers (2 at CSHS) and 23 staff. Cases in Monroe County are still on the increase – up 30 since yesterday. However, contact tracing reveals no cases have originated from CSHS campus.

Monroe County School Board (MCSB) Member Sue Woltanski confirmed there has been no spread within Monroe County schools. Although the infection rate is up from what originally caused schools to close and go virtual, the mitigation efforts being practiced within the schools are the reason campuses are still open.

Assistant Principal Ana Alvaro is working on attendance – some students are quarantining, but are still attending virtually. Some students are struggling with synchronous and asynchronous learning. If students are mandated to quarantine for 10 days, then they have 10 days to make up work.

Spring Education Plan and Assurances

Every school must submit a Spring Opening Plan. The Coral Shores Intervention Plan for Spring 2020-2021 was referenced on the clear touch screen, which needs to be approved by the State. Senior students failing will be pulled from electives for credit recovery to graduate. Further discussion suggested for next month's SAC meeting.

Remaining in moderate exposure level makes it physically difficult to maintain 6ft. social distancing – 5 days grey area. MCSB Member Sue Woltanski confirmed Monroe County is the only Florida District to follow A/B schedule – other Districts allow parents to choose.

The first round of STAR testing is complete – according to last year's STAR data, math is ahead of last year. EOC testing is also wrapping up. AP teachers are comfortable, but not with the content due to schedule interruption.

Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo reported CSHS is attempting to limit over testing – opted out of 9th Grade Algebra 1 test as Geometry test will suffice for graduation. Students signed up for Biology and US History EOC exams. Progress monitoring is being done on virtual days instead of losing valuable face time.

80 out of 400 students left to achieve FSA ELA requirement.

CSHS was the first school to do virtual. 1st – 7th period changed as things were learnt, and it remains a learning experience. The College Board emailed Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo regarding CSHS interest in virtual PSAT/SAT. STAR correlates how students will do on SAT/PSAT. APM (Adaptive Progress Monitoring) breaks it down by category, giving teachers more detailed information on where students need help; both teachers and students receive what they need. One attendee questioned whether there was a breakdown of test results from students being tested first thing in the morning compared to the afternoon, wondered if a future breakdown of testing time could help students.

37 PSAT students passed algebra. 26 seniors needed the reading requirement – this is now down to 13. This information validates looking more closely at outstanding student requirements in their junior year to progress them to graduation in their senior year.

MCSB Member Sue Woltanski mentioned there is a big concern for K-3.

Nationally gaps are in math - bigger gaps with low income families. However, the District is strong in math.

Attendance

Districts are required to notify parents when students are not doing well with virtual; then students are recommended to return to campus. Assistant Principal Ana Alavaro reported 7 students are coming back from virtual learning – several students returned before this semester. Some students are still quarantining throughout the District; some are still attending virtually. MCSB Member Sue Woltanski reported 300 Monroe County students chose full-time virtual compared to 60K in Orange County.

Student Engagement

Assistant Principal Ana Alavaro is working with students who are struggling with synchronous/asynchronous learning - contacting the parents to explain learning methods has improved the virtual day problem, and student learning curves have seen improvement. A lot of teachers work 6 out of 7 periods. There will not be any end of semester exams; all 3 high schools in the District have waived them due to inability to cover sufficient content.

Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo reported students will take some mock AP exams, but they will not be counted as 20% of their overall grade.

Superintendent Theresa Axford has waived teacher evaluations.

Ms. MaryJo Fry is working with students failing Government. Ms. Truesdale is doing the same with English.

Other

1. AP tests are confirmed for May, not sure what AP/EOC tests look like yet.
2. One parent shared her son failed last year's AP virtual test, but did well in his class grade. MCSB Member Sue Woltanski commented that it is up to the College Board to accept/reject grades.
3. MCSB Member Sue Woltanski asked if returning to paper and pencil tests would be of any value. Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo responded that there is more room for error with paper and pencil tests e.g. loss of materials, bubbling names. Also, there is no benefit to grading faster or more accurately. However, if a student requires special approved accommodations e.g. cannot use a computer, the necessary materials are supplied. The District is rated high for the availability of these materials.
4. Regarding AP teachers not being where they would like to be with course content, how can they make it up? Principal Blake Fry explained AP teachers have an advantage – they are given specific benchmarks for where they should be during the course. Mock midterms will give them an idea. He will talk to the teachers midyear – will be creative with students. Assistant Principal Kristy Munafo highlighted AP classroom, which is available to all teachers – resources are greater, and it serves as a backup for students to receive more instruction. Algebra teachers are talking to Geometry teachers, passing on what course content has been missed and still needs to be covered.
5. Sheila Gonzalez expressed concern regarding excessive missed attendance and her struggle with AP Calc., even though she attends Google meets when she is home – she has missed a lot of school this quarter due to quarantining after being exposed twice by family members. She praised her AP Macro Economics teacher for posting videos, etc. Students taking ½ semester credits like AP Government/Macro Economics have already discussed missed course content with their teachers. Sheila Gonzalez was assured an "M" (for medical) would be placed by her name to represent excused missed days.
6. To demonstrate how potentially hidden this virus is in the community KLS Assistant Principal Darren Pais shared an asymptomatic KLS Elementary student recently tested positive for COVID 19 – the parents only sought the test because they were going to travel abroad during Thanksgiving Break.
7. All students remain on campus for lunch; no off campus lunch yet.
8. Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 SAC meeting confirmed for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm