

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

December 5, 2018

Attendees:

Karen Hudock

PTO Board Members: Lakshmi Gurrum, Barbara McCabe, Tissiana Oliva, Michelle Prejean, Meena Sharma

PAC reps 6th grade: no one in attendance

PAC reps 7th grade: Heather Olivo, Anisha Kurian

PAC reps 8th grade: Rebecca Moussally

PEC Rep: Karen White

AO Rep: Stephanie Caesar

AGENDA

- I. Reports Cards
- II. General Updates
 - a. Fire Alarm
 - b. Climate and Culture Survey
 - c. BOE Meeting with Student Council

I. Report Cards

Report cards for Marking Period 1 took longer than anticipated to issue. The school continues to work through a few identified issues. One change that parents may notice is that a new format is being used so that classes that are on a cycle versus a marking period can be designated more easily and a grade clearly assigned.

Honor Roll and High Honor Roll designations were slightly delayed but have now been assigned to all report cards, as appropriate.

A new Student Information System (SIS) is being investigated to replace ASPEN. However, this would likely not be implemented until the 2020-2021 school year. More information will be shared as it is available.

Questions have also been asked about interpretation of the weighting of categories that make up a subject area grade. Mrs. Hudock is sending a separate communication to further explain this to parents.

II. General Updates

Fire Alarm

A few parents had questions about the procedures used during fire alarms. These were prompted by the fire alarm that was triggered on November 14.

Mrs. Hudock reiterated that there are very specific guidelines the school is to follow when an alarm is triggered. If the fire alarm goes off and it is not a drill, the building must be evacuated, and everyone must wait for an official clearance from the fire marshal before re-entering the building.

Specifically, on November 14, the fire department was called off when the Assistant Fire Marshall arrived and was able to quickly assess and determine the cause of the alarm with School Security Director and Administration.

Climate & Culture Survey

A big 'thank you' to all parents who took the survey for this very important initiative. 782 parents participated. The next steps are as follows:

- In January, survey data will be evaluated.
- In January, based on a review of the results, strengths and areas for growth will start to be identified.
- In February, student focus groups will be conducted.
- Later in Spring, action items will be identified, and implementation plans will be formulated for the next three school years.

BOE Meeting with Student Council

In November, members of the BOE met with the WAMS student council to discuss the students' thoughts on improvement areas for the school. Ideas presented included more intramurals, recess instead of study hall, additional food options for cafeteria, suggestion boxes in office and many others. Mrs. Hudock and the BOE were very appreciative of the many suggestions and student enthusiasm; ideas will be further assessed for feasibility and implementation.

Next PAC Meeting will be February 6. Please send any PAC topics to your grade-level representative.