

## Parent Advisory Board Minutes 12/7/17

**Present:** Tracee Beck, Jason Cox, Brenda Fiegen, Jayne Gaspari, Veronica Houston, Dan Johnson, Kristin LeGrand, Joan Mahoney, Karen Mikuska, Kathryn Muller, Maria Neely, Kerry Olson, Michelle Pellman, Tom Polak, Kristin Ripperda, Connie Scott, Stephanie Spader, Matt Stork, Nancy Tapken-Mor, Mark Viehweg and Jackie Shotkoski

**Guest Speakers:** Alex Anderson, Art Hagg, Kelly Jones and BJ Keppen

### Prayer & Introductions

#### Call Sheets from 8<sup>th</sup> grade calls

- Liked the information shared previously about- “telling parent we are updating our list and we show (name) is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, is this correct?” This was a very helpful way to start the conversation
- Idea – wait to do calls until after the postcards get sent out as a follow-up – Joan will look into this for next year

#### Flipped Classroom - BJ Keppen

- Harrisburg and other schools have mass customized learning which is different than a flipped classroom. Flipped classrooms are more traditional.
- BJ Keppen presented about his use of the flipped classroom approach.
- Structure of this concept:
  - ❄ He does a short video of the meat and potatoes of a lesson plan which the student either watches at home or during a study hall.
  - ❄ Then during class time they actually work on the assignment.
  - ❄ Chromebooks have been very helpful with this concept
  - ❄ It takes away stress from home because parents don't always know how to answer the homework questions
  - ❄ Survey results showed students favor the flipped classroom for this class.

#### Class Rank Discussion – Art Hagg (Only for Discussion)

- NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) – OG is a member of this group
- Ranking can hurt students who apply for school scholarships
- Today the middle of the class GPA is 3.57
- Art discussed various other colleges and what their requirements are
- Checked with several other high schools and two of them said it hurts students negatively due to scholarships
- There are no negatives to stopping the ranking process in our school for either the school or the student
- We are only in the very initial stages of thinking about this and wanted the parents to be aware
- Schools that don't rank – suggests that a lot of their students are high performers

### Counseling Office Updates – Kelly Jones

#### Nik Roth – New Prevention Counselor

- Her hours are M-W-F
- She does assessments/follow-ups with students
- She is a licensed counselor

#### December 14 Lunch Speaker – Mary Weber

- Stress – Finals Stress – Strategies - General Stress Relief

#### Anxiety Group Update – Mary Weber

- This is an education based group starting in January
- Start with one group and hopefully will continue to grow

#### Food, Friends and Finals Event – Monday, December 18

- 7-9 pm – Pancakes and eggs in the Science Wing
- They will open up the library
- 15 teachers have volunteered to help and is funded by the teachers
- Campus Ministry will have hot coco and coffee
- Allows the students to get together in a non-threatening environment

#### Industrial Arts Classes Update – Alex Anderson

- Jeff Rhone will teach 2 classes starting next year depending on registration numbers
- Presently working with Fiegen Construction, other building businesses and the Home Builders Association
- Classes offered starting next year will be:
  1. Intro to Building Construction – possibly make a shed as a class project
  2. Carpentry & Intro to Woodworking – working on the interior of the house, drywall etc.

#### Updates – Joan

##### Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Advent Project

- Showed example of the big box wrapped in the library and the 5 adult stockings and 1 child stocking
- Students should have brought home with a list of what items they needed to fill the stockings
- Delivery on the 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Hope House – Student Lunch Accounts

- Thank you for all the donations
- They are working with the students to get their lunch accounts paid down and up -to-date

#### Julie Benson Update

#### Upcoming Important Dates

- Late Start Friday, December 8 – 9:00 am
- Semester Care Packages Deadline – December 8 / Delivery will be on Tuesday, Dec. 19
- Semester Test Dates – Wed. – Fri. Dec. 20- 22 9 :00 am start
  - ❄ Periods 1,2,8 – Wednesday, December 20
  - ❄ Periods 3,4,5 – Thursday, December 21
  - ❄ Periods 6, 7 – Friday, December 22
- Partners in Formation, January 3 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm
  - ❄ In-service/retreat from PK-12 teachers will be during the day on Jan. 3

❄️ Parents are invited for the evening time

#### Questions/Comments/Concerns

- Mark Viehweg brought up an idea his friend used in Wisconsin – they had a day in the summer where they did a huge fundraiser and brought in around \$35,000. His friend said that he would be more than willing to assist us in doing the same fundraiser. Joan was interested and wanted his information to share with the Development Office for the Go Give – OG Day.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 4 @ 11:30 am