

SBDM Minutes March 8, 2021

PRESENT: Tammy Hopkins, Laranda Smith, Tia Ford, Eric Quackenbush, Ashley Peoples, Sonya Curren and Joy Lusby.

GUESTS: Annabeth Edens

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: 5:02pm**
- 2. Motion to Approve Agenda: Approve 1st Smith 2nd Curren**
- 3. Approve February Minutes:** #5 strike “not any crazy class” and use “not classes”. Strike 4-5 classes tops. #6a: strike second to last sentence. #6b change 10 days NTI. #7 strike 9-10 working in our building next year. **Approve 1st Peoples 2nd Ford**
- 4. Public Comment:** next meeting will be April 12th
- 5. Good News Report**
 - a. ACT Tomorrow/Plan:** Mrs. Hickerson is the most fabulous BAC in the world. We will only have 11 or 12 students in each room for the ACT. This is why we will need all hands-on deck. This means the 9th, 10th and 12th grade students will stay home and complete their ILP.

The juniors will be fed Chick-fil-A for breakfast and a walking Taco for lunch. We will also have students with extended times for taking the test. We are very proud of our counselors and everything they have done to make this work. And cell phones will not be allowed in the rooms.
 - b. District Transportation Plan:** This transportation plan has worked very well. We do have more buses running now that we have had our second vaccination. Our attendance is at 95%. We are making it through this plan.
- 6. Madilynn McFarland** has started a farm podcast feature and has been talking about GCHS. Which is very cool! Spencer Hanson played with the boys’ basketball team this weekend. They gave him a shirt with a number and made him part of the team, He scored 4 points in the game over the weekend. The visiting team, Paris, were such good sportsmen and really made him feel part of the game.

The Spring play, “Beauty and the Beast Jr”, auditions start next week. The play will be in May. The boys and girls’ basketball district tournament begin next week. Annabeth led 31 students in our first Saturday school this year! We are pushing to get these kids in here for help as much as possible.

The question was asked about the choice of “returning seniors”. Is this for ALL seniors or just athletes? We think it should be for any student that asks for this chance. But the reasoning was a lot of NCAA scholarships are being held due to COVID. But there are still lots of unknow factors about this new decision.

Spring Break is still on for March 29-April2. Prom is not 100% determined. There is a district board meeting March 25th to decide graduation day and other important senior activities.

7. **Summer School Plan:** Summer school will be in June and July. They will have school 6 hours a day. We asked the board for \$198,000 to help pay for teachers and other things for the summer school. But they gave us \$260,000. Teachers will get their daily rate instead of \$25 hr. This is a great incentive to get teachers to sign up to help. We are trying to limit the number of students that must come back for summer school. April 23 is the deadline for summer school sign-ups.

Hopefully they will get enough structure and targeted instruction to help them pass the classes. As Joy says, not one size fits all. We need to see if they know their standards. All of the schools in the county were funded for more than originally asked for.

Mrs. Hopkins asked what were the number of anticipated students for Saturday school. Mrs. Lusby said we had no transportation this first Saturday and it was too early to call parents about their failing students. And we have had so many drop classes and turning in paper work. But Mrs. Lusby say she was happy with the number that showed up. Mrs. Hopkins said that all the ways of communication to parents and students about summer school has been so fantastic. She has been very impressed with the different ways of communication that has been put out by our staff.

Summer school students will be based on their grades during the school year and from their final exam grades. The critical standards assessments grade. For this exam, the language class will have oral exams.

Saturday school is not a punishment. And it needs to be in person. So far it wasn't a large number of people. It is 9am-3pm. They have mask breaks in the gym. It will be Monday-Thursday. Fridays will be for planning. Mr. Quackenbush asks if it needs to be a teacher from the district. Joy Lusby said not as long as they live here and have the credentials. We just posted a job for a Geometry class.

8. **Middle School Students Earning High School Credits (Guidance):** We do not need a full-blown policy for this. #081131 Board policy says that if a class is offered at any high school then we are allowed to offer it to an 8th grader. The high school and middle school principal must agree that the student is ready and able to do this class. We will offer health, Lifetime Fitness Intro to Art and Art History to an 8th grader that is agreed upon by both principals. We will provide guidance on what is expected by the student.

Budget Report: Reduced a lot of core departments because we were not here. Mrs. Lusby may also have to put some spending on the back burner to be able to hire a new teacher. CTE needs monies to grow. We can't use Perkins money on consumables. Welding, FCS and IT has been rolled into Instructional.

We have just ordered 60 graphing calculators with the monies we have saved this year. Borrowing calculators was getting very complicated. With us being a new school, we really need to be careful. We have 2 new teachers with no calculators.

Approve Budget: approved 1st Peoples 2nd Quackenbush

9. **Approve Budget for 21-22 School Year:** (SEE ENCLOSED) activity accounts and section 6 monies. Approve 21-22 allocation of Funds Distribution. **Approved 1st Peoples 2nd Quackenbush**

10. Data Update

- a. Attendance—95.69 (to date)**
- b. Enrollment—1647-** 2 students up from last week.
- c. Transition Readiness—44%** KYOTE will be the 23 & 24th in March. 61n out of 66 passed the Civics exam on vaccination day.
- d. Behavior—**had a few scuffles and a bit of drug activity but nothing major at all. We have had problems with students taking their mask down to eat suckers. When Mrs. Lusby talked about this being a no-no during announcements students made some “adjustments”. The poked a small hole in the middle of their masks for the sucker stick to stick out of. At least they are problem solving.

11. Adjourn: Approve 1st Peoples 2nd Ford