

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee Meeting
May 7, 2019
MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Opened meeting at 5:31 pm

Approval of April 2019 Minutes

- Approved by unanimous vote

Student Council Update – Brady Sullivan

- Senior council members are phasing out and new officers are taking over.
- First meeting was this week to start planning for the summer and next year

Principal's Report - Josh Griffin

- #1 High School in Colorado (US News & World Report) – announced this week
- Athletics have been successful this spring – Girls Soccer #1 Seed in 4A State, Girls Track and Field 4A League Championships, Girls Tennis – 3A Regional Champions
- Music programs also very successful – HS Orchestra ranked “Best Orchestra” and HS Concert Choir and JRHS Orchestra received “Superior Rating”
- May 3rd – 1st annual golf tournament
- D'Evelyn Dash is the big fall fundraiser being held Aug 24th – registration is now open
- AP Exams run this week and next week
- 4 school day cancellations have caused the school to adjust the finals schedule – Finals will now be held on 2 days rather than 3 days
- 6th grade transition plan:
 - D'Evelyn will add 6th grade in 2020-21 school year. There will be a building addition.
 - Dennison will maintain 6th grade through the 2022-23 school year (current 2nd graders).
 - In the transition years there will be a general 6th grade lottery – Dennison 5th graders will not have priority. Once the transition is complete (2023-24 school year) the priorities will be in place as they are now.
- CU-06 – Proposed Advanced Coursework (Honors) Program
 - History of the school (2013) – eliminated the dual track program (standard and honors/advanced classes). AP classes did remain.
 - Steering is looking at labeling all standard classes as honors classes in three areas (English, Science, History). AP classes would remain.
 - Math and Foreign Language would be looked at individually.

- Steering has reviewed the progress this year to see the changes after 5 years. Steering has also visited other schools (4 charter programs) that label all their high school classes as honors classes. Most of these programs weigh them at a 5.0 scale. At D'Evelyn classes would be weighed on a 4.5 scale.
- Early feedback – want a process that has integrity. School board policy allows for weighted grades for AP or Honors courses, however, they must be weighed on a 5 point scale or not at all. D'Evelyn would need a waiver to weight at a 4.5 scale.
- Most important issue is the class labeling – the second issue will then be how to weigh those classes.
- GPA does matter for college admissions and scholarships. By labeling as honors courses this would allow students to leave with potentially higher GPAs for the same grades/classes.
- Transcripts cannot be changed retroactively.
- May 20th - Steering Committee will be voting on this proposal. It could take effect for next school year. May 13th is a discussion to put on the consent agenda for May 20th.
- ** parent input was strongly in favor of the proposal. Parents would like students to be recognized for the high academic standards at D'Evelyn. Weighting classes would assist students in college enrollment and scholarships. There is concern around if they are weighted at a 4.5 or 5.0 scale.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Attendees: Josh Griffin, Greg Kottcamp, Dana Miller, Carrie Kollar, Angie Volheim, Mettet Karpinski, Donna Li, Gina Coco, Steve Kosten, Joel Pankow, Lisa Rukstales, Kym Benfield, Heather Cordova, Jennifer Hastert, Heidi Leoni, Karol Steeves, Jack Dyson, Ken Rukstales, Michelle Benko, Cuong Ngo, Ralph Spencer, Maria Connor, Amy Oden, Julia Blackford, Amanda Gersabeck

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 @ 5:30-6:30 PM - LIBRARY