

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee Meeting
September 12, 2019
MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Opened meeting at 5:30 pm

Approval of May 2019 Minutes

- Approved by unanimous vote

Student Council Update – Holly McCollough

- Homecoming theme will be announced tomorrow
- Wish Week will be this winter and they are working on selecting the recipient

Introduction of New Teachers

- Gary Black – Spanish and French
- Michael Wolfe – English
- Brooke Zitricki – Science
- Katie Lewis – Academic Support

Update from D'Evelyn Dash – Barb Haerbig

- Almost 11,000 sponsors
- \$10,000 in sales
- \$5,500 in expenses
- \$16,000 in total profit
- Encourages everyone to sign up next year

Principal's Report - Josh Griffin

Presentation can be found at: [Principal Report 9.12.19](#)

- General updates:
 - Extended weekends – Students will be off this fall on 9/20, 10/25 and 10/28
 - Katie Lewis has started the Study Hall and Academic Assistance Center – this can be in place of an elective class when needed. Other students can go to library after school for assistance from 2:45-4:00. She can be reached at Katie.Lewis@jeffco.k12.co.us
 - Jag Tracks – are now going out weekly at the beginning of the week.
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – Wed 9/25 (5-7:30) and 9/26 (3-5:30). End of 1st 6 week grading period is 9/27.
- Addition of 6th grade in fall 2020

- August 2020 will start the 6th grade program. It will run concurrently with Dennison 6th grade. D'Evelyn will take up to 90 students. Housed in temporary buildings on the northwest side.
- 6th grade students will have their own classes.
- Temp buildings will be used for 2 years. Approx Jan 2021 a building addition will start and hope to be finished by August 2022. Will look for input on the physical design from the community, parents, students.
- Enrollment process: Info nights at 7 pm on 11/7 (at Dennison), 12/12, 12/19, 1/7 (HS only) and 1/9.
- Also trying to plan an open house event for all interested families
- 6th grade Lottery Priority: same protocol as it has been for older students currently (sibling, staff, in-district, out-of-district). Dennison students may seek enrollment for D'Evelyn 6th grade, but will not receive priority.
- 7th grade Lottery Priority: same, except students completing 6th grade at Dennison are top priority.
- Curriculum: Partnership with Dennison to seek alignment between the two programs. Upcoming textbook and curricular review committee. October 8th Accountability Committee meeting will be a training for textbook and curricular committees.
- 6th Grade Hiring: Likely to begin February 2020. February 2020 Accountability meeting will be a training for hiring committees.
- 6th Grade Orientation: an orientation program will be developed. This will be in addition to the existing 7th grade Prep School and New Student Orientation.
- Budget: Student Based Budgeting Model. Funding for 2020-21 will be based on projected # of 6th grade students. Final budget will be based on October 2020 count.
- Questions:
 - **What is the format for classes?** Classroom based with the starting 90 students. Core homeroom teacher for most classes and then rotate for specialties (math, specials)
 - **Outdoor Lab?** Yes, they will do Outdoor Lab
 - **Recess?** A 3rd lunch space/time will be created. No decisions have been made regarding recess.
 - **What happens to 5th graders?** Siblings still have priority. If there are no older siblings then they fall into the general lottery.
 - **What happens when Dennison goes K-5?** When this occurs then D'Evelyn will take a full 6th grade class of close to 200, with all Dennison 5th graders having top priority.
 - **Use of Temp Buildings?** 6th graders will be in the temp buildings most of the day. May be in the main building for some electives (i.e. music).
 - **Extracurricular Activities?** No decision has been made as to whether or not 6th graders will be included in middle school extracurricular activities.

- **Curriculum – will it align with D’Evelyn or be identical to Dennison?** Example is that Saxon will be used, which Dennison does not use. There will be some overlap. Dennison curriculum will be referenced as a framework and incorporate into D’Evelyn’s alignment.
- **Will 6th grade pull resources from the rest of D’Evelyn?** There will be additional budgeting/funding for the 6th graders. From a staffing perspective there should not be competing interests. Textbooks will need to be purchased, which might pull from purchasing for the rest of D’Evelyn.
- **Security for temp buildings?** Trying to get an additional campus security person for that side of the building. Safety and security measures will be put into place.

Steering Committee (SC) Update – Donna Li

- Tonight’s presentation can be found on the SC website or at [SC Presentation 9.12.19](#)
- Steering Committee is always looking for parent volunteers to help on subcommittees
- For 2 years SC has been working on policy revisions to a different format. The new website is up and running. Policies are now more accessible.
- Most new policies are on the new website. For those that have not changed to the new format yet, they can be found on the link to the D’Evelyn Policy Archive.
- Governance and the role of Accountability Committee
 - SC is the governing board at D’Evelyn
 - A/C serves in an advisory role to SC
 - Vision for A/C is to educate the community and encourage more parents to participate, provide a forum to gather and share data, communicate goals, policy (values) and regulation (process)
 - Discussion Norms: don’t mention student’s names, not a place to gossip or complain, be open-minded
 - Discussion Outcomes: SC must act upon factual data, not rumors or perceptions. AC might help research and gather data.
- D’Evelyn Program:
 - Liberal Arts – goal of D’Evelyn is to provide a sound liberal arts education
 - Essential Body of Cultural Knowledge
 - Textbook Based - Textbooks are integral in maintaining horizontal/vertical alignment, provide detailed info that makes up curriculum, provide consistent curriculum when there are staffing changes, provide sequential continuity, are compatible with whole group teacher led instruction
 - Whole Group Teacher Led Instruction – maximizes instructional time, all students learn from the expert in the field
 - Hiring – each teacher should have extensive knowledge in his/her respective area and be lifelong learners
 - Assessment – use of objective assessments of progress. Expectations will be clearly defined.

- SC will be training for committees including: hiring, textbook and curriculum

Subcommittees:

- Please let A/C know if you would like to serve on a sub-committee.
Subcommittees include: Rules of Operation, Technology/Cell Phone Use, Student Data/Achievement, 6th Grade Transition Textbook/Curriculum, School Environment/Dress Code, Survey
- Sign-up sheets at meeting – those present signed up if interested

Election of Additional Officer

- Nominees are: Chrissy Henderson, Angela Pitzer.
- Secret ballot election held
- New officer is Chrissy Henderson

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Attendees: Josh Griffin, Angie Volheim, Carrie Kollar, Steve Kosten, Barb Haerbig, Lisa Cushnie, Maria Connor, Pierre Habel, David Goldstein, Donna Li, Jessica Mitchell, Suzanne Roberts, Laura Sweetman, Jennifer Hastert, Gary Black, Laura McCollough, Holly McCollough, Chrissy Henderson, Jeff London, Deb Holland, Kym Benfield, Michael Wolfe, Brooke Zitricki, Katie Lewis, Jodi Haller, Leanne Petraceh, Tim Scheckpeper, Jerry Sullivan, Nichola Gilbertson, Angela Pitzer

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 2019 @ 5:30-6:30 PM – LIBRARY
****PRESENTATION ON YOUTH VAPING WILL FOLLOW THE A/C MEETING**