

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee Meeting
November 8, 2016
MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Opened meeting at 5:30 PM

Approval of October 2016 Minutes

- Passed by unanimous vote

Student Council Update – Hailee Lansville

- Movie night will be held the night of November 11th (students grade 7-12 can attend the movie night while the DEF Dinner is going on). Movie will be Home Alone.
- Wish week was held during homecoming week. The final donation was a little over \$5000 and was recently sent to the recipient.
- Student Council will partner with Spanish Honor Society at the upcoming movie night to collect cans for a canned food drive. The price of admission to the movie night will be 2 cans or a \$3 donation to be used towards the purchase of additional canned food.
- Trick-or-Treat Street and the Improv Show raised money for the Tennyson Center. Approximately \$1,600 was raised.

Study Skills Presentation – Leslie Berlinberg (ClubZ Tutoring)

- Academic concerns can stem from a variety of root causes (low grades, high memorization classes, forgetting to turn in work, low motivation, low test scores, poor grades in math, test anxiety, poor study skills)
- One issue might include forgetting to turn in work or low motivation. One idea is to use a time card to have the student track the homework that is turned in. Another idea is to make sure the student is using their daily planner. Planning ahead (aka backward planning) in the planner can help avoid procrastination.
- Another issue might be test grades that are significantly lower than homework grades. Make sure the student is digging deeper with their studying and homework, make corrections on the homework, talk to the teacher, study notes on a daily basis and follow up with the teacher if there are any questions, use 7th hour, peer tutoring, meet with the teacher, complete end of chapter review questions
- Most children don't want their parents involved in their daily work. The provided handouts can be given to the student to problem solve on their own.
- Note taking issues – talk to the teacher about possible solutions such as copying teacher notes, copying another students notes, record the lecture, information on the website
- Find a way to motivate your student if he/she has lost motivation. This can be praise, a privilege, a treat, etc... You can also find a larger goal, such as Honor Roll, certain GPA, etc... and talk about the way to get there.

- Test anxiety – the more the student is prepared the less anxious he/she will be. Make sure the student is familiar with the material. Use a special item during the test (special pen, worry stone, etc...). There are also techniques on “how to take a test” that can make the test situation less stressful.
- No phones during studying – too much of a distraction
- Note cards can be very useful – they can break the information down into smaller units that are easier to remember
- Study smarter, not harder

Principal Report – Tony Edwards

- A/C Officer positions will open up for next school year. Please talk to a current officer if you are interested or have questions about possibly serving in a future role.
- The speaker/topic for the January A/C meeting will be about self-esteem for adolescent teens.
- The results from the 8th grade and Senior surveys will be shared next semester.
- The career exploration series has started. Parents can come talk to students about their careers. Please contact Molly Harrington in counseling if you are interested in being a career speaker.
- The annual Dinner Auction is this Friday. All monies raised go directly back to the students through the DEF.
- The marching band won the state championship for the 6th year in a row.
- Other fall sports were also very successful this season. Soccer, volleyball and football all made playoffs. Football is continuing on.
- The next prospective parent night is tomorrow night at 7 pm.
- Next reading group for One Book, One D'Evelyn will be Thursday, December 8th from 5-5:30 pm at Barnes and Noble. We will be discussing To Kill a Mockingbird.
- UIP (Uniform Improvement Plan) – the administration team and a teacher member from each department reviews the results of various data. The team feels that writing skills should be a continuing focus.
- UIP 4 improvement strategies for the 2016-2017:
 - All core academic D'Evelyn CDTs will continue to create and utilize D'Evelyn Common Assessments (DCAs) in the 2016-17 school year to ensure horizontal alignment.
 - Maintain and align opportunities for students to engage in appropriate reading assignments and to demonstrate their understanding of nonfiction and fiction text through constructed response writing prompts based on the text.
 - Teachers will maintain and improve quality lesson design in accordance with Standard 1D on the District Teacher Rubric .
 - The D'Evelyn program will encourage the maintenance of high scores as Colorado transitions to the SAT from the ACT.

Steering Committee Report (S/C) – Matthew Durkin

- Tomorrow night is the prospective parent night.

- S/C is working on curricular reviews.
- A new curriculum has been created for a literacy and study skills class. This class is to help those students that are struggling and might otherwise think about leaving D'Evelyn and allow them to thrive and be successful in any educational setting. This class will be offered to students that are identified early in 7th grade and offered to 2nd semester 7th graders.
- AP Economics curricular review will be discussed next week. American Lit curricular review will be submitted November 28th. Spanish 1 curricular review will also be completed in November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Attendees: Tony Edwards, Dana Miller, Carrie Kollar, Wendy Campbell, Valerie Jahr, Josh Griffin, Matthew Durkin, Margaret Ochoa, Steve Jahr, Leslie Berlinberg, Tara Sawihski, Beverly Haynie, Kathy Williams, Natalie Bailey, Kris Stirewalt, Scott Spendlove, Eric Oppelt, Heidi Leoni, Pierre Habel, Ana Gardner, Annie Young, Tamra Scaturro, Margaret Ochoa, Lisa Cushnie

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 5:30-6:30 pm (Library)