

Bristow Run Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Attendees

Erinn Mulligan
Jessica Kilpatrick
James Johnson
Rhonda Jeck
Angelita Gamble
Amie Francis
Kelly Cortez
Cindi Stephens
Kate Danziger
Tiffinni Hargrave
Gary Shivers

Call to Order

6:00 pm Call to order by Erinn

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

- Erinn noted one misspelling and that the PTO event was not a bake sale. Cindi Stephens motioned to approve, Tiffinni Hargrave seconded.

SACI Report

- About 80% of students are identified in elementary for the gifted program and the remaining 20% in later grades.
- The child find program starts as early as age 2 to identify students who may need educational support in the future. It's a multistep, highly regulated process that takes a significant period of time to complete the evaluation. Not all students will be found eligible for support, but you can still have a student support team for those that don't qualify.
- IEPs extends to college. Once a child turns 18 the IEP turns over to them.
- The processes are meant to be collaborative between the school and parents, and sometimes the students depending on the parent wishes.
- All special ed students can participate in physical and extra curricular activities.
- There are 331 approved PWCS clubs, no list was available. The clubs are sponsored by a teacher or a good Samaritan and they are not paid for their time.
- Student Code of Conduct provides general guidance but each school has more specific policies.
- The county did not pay for the mailing about absenteeism that went to every student household (it was not shared who paid for it).

- The goal in the county is to have 15% or less of students chronically absent (meaning they miss 10% of school days, about two days per month). Chronically absent includes both excused and unexcused absences.
- Tonight we will be seeing the county CIP plan which includes the budget. Erinn is wondering what is the plan to fully utilize the EVO detectors that they paid for. For example, at Patriot HS they don't have enough staff to utilize them all so one entrance is closed off and the expensive machine is not used.

Citizen's Time

- No questions were asked.

SCA

- SCA raised over \$600 for the animal shelter with the hot cocoa fundraiser.
- The care bag fundraiser for Children's Hospital raised \$940 and ran for three weeks. We are not accepting any more donations for it right now.
- T-shirts arrived on Wednesday.

Principals Time

- Report cards went out yesterday and are available on ParentVue.
- One School, One Book kicked off today with a fun scavenger hunt. All students will receive a copy of the book tomorrow, and it will conclude with Literacy Night on February 29.
- The Yearbook contest has kicked off, there are 9 pieces that will be chosen. The flyer will go out in the Bristow Briefs tonight, there are some rules to be followed. Art is done at home, not in school.
- Kelly Cortez presented about the Gifted Program
 - o It is now called the Gifted Education and Talent Development Program.
 - o There is no "START" or "SIGNET" anymore, everything is just "gifted".
 - o Gifted is a service based on an academic need, it's not like an exclusive club.
 - o Universal screening is also done in the county so nobody slips through the cracks who should be evaluated for gifted. It's a multi-level process and they look at all angles to identify children who should be in the program.
 - o In PWCS the definition of gifted is a student who demonstrates high levels or accomplishments or show exceptional academic potential beyond the age peers of similar experience or environment. In elementary level they can qualify in General Aptitude, Language, and Mathematics. Some other areas are added for middle and high school.
 - o There are currently 83 students in our school in the gifted program.
 - o Erinn asked if behavior can ever make it hard to identify a student? Kelly said not really, because sometimes the cause of the behavior could be they need to be more challenged.
 - o You don't need to be re-evaluated once you are in the program. You can opt out any time, but come back in when ready.
 - o Letter grades are never given to students for the gifted program, but they do receive progress reports.

Committee Updates

- PTO: February 23 is movie night and they will be showing Trolls 3. March 13 is a fundraiser at Crumbl Cookie as well as the Boosterathon.

Adjournment

- Gary Shivers motioned to adjourn at 7:08 pm, seconded by Cindi Stephens.