

Freedom High School Principal Advisory Council

Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2022

600 Welcome

-Introduce Ms. Kamei Ellis, President of the Principal Advisory Council 22-23SY

605 PAC General Items

- Meeting has been opened to all FHS students, staff and students.
- Survey sent with regards to best date and time for PAC meetings. Meetings will be hosted on Wednesdays when possible to start at 6pm
- A form is available on our school web site and included in reminder PAC meeting notifications for all stakeholders to complete and share what topic they would like discussed at the PAC meetings.

612 Mrs. Smith, Principal Items:

- Ms. Kamei Ellis will be the President of the principal advisory council
- I will appoint a student as Vice President
- Goals for this school year:
 - Increase the graduation rate from 79% to 88%.
 - Decrease the drop out rate from 16% to 11%
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- Topic requested to be discussed: Bathrooms
 - We sweep all bathrooms and close them except for one for the first twenty minutes of the school day.
 - Reopen at 7:45 and have a teacher standing by the bathroom to monitor the number of students going in.
 - Floor opened for suggestions:
 - Mentioned by attendee - Teacher feel “stretched thin” and assigned duties to monitor halls and bathroom; asked if school counselors help too.
 - Suggest librarians are also included with duties too
 - Suggest break up 45 minute duty to 4-10 minute bathroom checks
- Calculation Sheet reviewed
 - Amount to school to run the building provided
 - Approximately 90-95% used to cover building, staffing, student expenses
 - Approximately 5-10% Mrs Smith would like to discuss ideas with the parents and community

633 pm Questions on Agenda Items

- Encourage school to breakup grade level and have more guest speakers.
 - Suggest speakers are able to teach students how to turn their lives around

- Would like a better system to move students at the end of the day who crowded in the commons to move out of the school and get on their bus.
 - Ms. Fisher-Gale volunteered to help after school
 - Ms. Walker suggest getting the plan in place before the weather is colder and students are outside waiting for the buses; consider the late return buses- start asap.
- Parent shared concern with her student schedule
 - Will be contacted to discuss her specific situation
- Parent asked what needs are required of parents
 - Support
 - Community, school involvement
 - Parent would like to participate/volunteer
- Parent asked about safety of special education students in the hall with class changes
 - Informed students' certain student with disabilities are released earlier than other students to avoid crowd during class exchanges
 - Specific students also are escorted to the next class if in their IEP plan
- Parent asked about her daughter who takes the after-school bus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:30 pm and arrives home about 6-6 20pm and concerned about this as the weather is getting colder
 - Explained that there are limited buses when we have after school activities and the bus must stop at each stop, so it takes longer than a regular school bus.
- Conclusion-
 - Remember that there will be a parent & principal in person conference, we hope families are able to attend on November 3 at 7pm Freedom High School – Enclosed cafeteria.
 - Next PAC meeting due to the holiday will be November 16 6:00 pm ; zoom link will be sent to include translation request link and form for topics to be discussed

700 pm Adjournment