

PAC – Parent Advisory Council

11-14-18

In Attendance: Mark Cappel, Wendy Adams, Elaine Kane, Laura Shansey, Jennifer Purvis, Melissa Batchelor, Dawn Humphrey, Staci Landuyt, and Kara Twichell

Mr. Cappel:

- Introductions

Wendy Adams: (Human Resources Director)

- Wendy gave background of her history of attending followed by working in the Alton School district.
- Working to get the best people in positions to provide students the best education.
- Illinois is experiencing a shortage of subs and teachers across the board. The pool is shrinking due to the requirements and the hoops people have to jump through.
- If you know anyone who would enjoy trying subbing: currently there is a short term teacher sub license and it's only a \$25.00 fee - they only need an associates or 60 credit hours. Subs start off at \$95.00 per day. For college students studying education, this is a great route to go to see what grade their comfort level is for their career path.
- We could use TA subs as well. We have half day assignments that may work for the college student.

Elaine Kane: (Curriculum Coordinator)

- Young Author's is up and running.
- We partnered with Stem Center at SIUE. SIUE has a new stem center and it is fantastic and hosts all grade levels. Collin and Candy are the contacts there and provide a great experience for students.
- We have scaffold the science fair expectations from K-5.
- Collin took our science curriculum by topic and is developing a shared science fair exploration activity for K-1 and we will share this with Science Fair Rep's to work with kids. The first one is ramps and cars; which is fun for kids and will spark their interest.
- PAC parents were extremely excited about the alignments that Elaine is facilitating.
- Elaine asked that you keep the feedback coming from PAC to make things better for kids.

- Laura Shansey suggested the Movie on Netflix – Swarovski Waterschool. They are offering teacher training.
- Science Fair will be held on January 24, 2019

Mr. Cappel:

- New Technology Director is Matt Derrick. We will bring in Matt to meet you at our January meeting.
- Topic of interest – Trauma Care Training. Planning to present on that in January.
- Snow Days – Goal is, if school is cancelled in the morning we do it by 5:00 a.m. and if we are going to call it the night before we will do it by 9:00 p.m.

Building Reports:

AHS:

- ABOB craft fair is December 1st and 2nd
- The Lovejoy music festival is just amazing!!!

East/LJ/ES:

- Lovejoy’s Christmas Program is on November 28th.
- East Christmas Program is on December 3rd.
- Papa John’s fundraiser is on November 29th for Lovejoy.
- Cheer clinic is upcoming and it is so fun for kids.

AMS:

- Student Council collected 100 lbs. of Halloween candy to ship to our troops overseas.
- Dance went well.
- NJHS- Please pass on that these kids can do ROAR and the younger students look up to them and LOVE having them there.

Parent Comment/Concerns:

- We need to get younger students parents involved in PAC. Principal’s recommendation would be helpful.
- Bullying/Suicide topic was brought up:
 - Parent concern was that many of these threats don’t make it to the Speak Up service on the website and other students are trying to

'handle' these suicide threats that are shared with them on their own and it causes much stress.

- Is there a time and place such as in Unified Arts that possibly Megan from Centerstone or someone can speak to the topic of suicide, cutting and things of that nature? Most helpful would be, what students should be doing when their peers share this very heavy topic with them.
- The students not talking about it to others are the ones we need to reach.
- A video of Michael Phelps was suggested to show, again possibly in Unified Arts class or Health.
- Mr. Cappel stated that he will check with Cathy Elliott regarding suicide videos that may be helpful for 'all' students to watch.

Next meeting is January 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Center Superintendent Conference Room.