

PAC – Parent Advisory Council

2-13-19

In Attendance: Kristie Baumgartner, Melissa Batchelor, Ricardo Anderson, Dawn Humphery and Kara Twichell

Kristie Baumgartner:

- **Introductions**
- **State of Illinois Teacher Shortage:**
 - Flyer attached with information on teacher shortage numbers in our state. Stanford study shows that 60% of teachers teach within 20 miles of where they went to high school so local focus could prove valuable.
 - We are partnering with LCCC and SIUE and joining an established program called **Educators Rising**. This program is an educational careers club coming to AHS next year. It has its own curriculum and hands-on experiences. There will be a sponsor for this and we hope to draw students to check out what the education field has to offer to students after high school.
- **Teacher Residency Planning Grant:**
 - We are applying for this grant.
 - One cohort is a year-long residency geared towards a college grad ready for student teaching. Typically the step after graduation is a semester of student teaching. We are proposing a year-long residency where the first semester student would be paired with a mentor/teacher who is already trained to provide them with professional development and on-site coaching. Second semester, student would co-teach with that mentor. After the regular school year, student could work summer school for one month with us. A scholarship for these students can be offered and at the end of the program we required they commit to us for three years as a teacher. Currently students have to go without pay while doing their student teaching.
 - Cohort two would be a little different in that a student already has a bachelor's degree but not in teaching courses. Student would be entering a residency on a sub certificate since they have a bachelor's so they can fill a teacher residency slot while they will be finishing up their coursework. They will be working towards special education license while in the classroom. If it is mutually agreed upon at the end, they have a commitment for three years for a job with us.

- We are submitting a planning grant and are diligently working on the concerns with the teacher shortage.
- **Equal Opportunity Schools- AP**
 - We are disproportionate with our low income and minority student enrollments in the AP, Honors, and Dual Credit courses.
 - We applied for a grants from Gates/Zuckerberg foundations, received a \$27,000 grant and have been working with a partnership coach through the grant.
 - The coach helps us with an outreach list for students. Searching for students who have the characteristics that would qualify them for AP classes. We are seeking students who have never enrolled in a Dual Credit or AP honors courses. The student also lists a 'trusted adult' they have at the school and the 'trusted adult' reaches out to student about the courses. We want students to feel the success that they are capable of while taking classes with more rigor. The student cards that are filled out help us problem solve around how we are can support these students and try and get them to their very best.
 - We are building schedules for next year.

Building Reports:

West/GB

- Sock hop is tonight.
- Book Fair is going on currently going on.

North

- Selling chocolate bars right now.
- LC Trivia night for playground is on March 2nd
- February 15th North's 4th grade Green Team is going to the Audubon Center for an all-day field trip.

AMS

- Dance is this Friday

AHS

- AAA meeting is tonight.
- Trivia is February 23rd
- Second round interviews are just wrapping up for new Athletic Director.

MISC:

-Flyers attached.

-Next meeting is March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Center Superintendent Conference Room.