St. Johns Technical High School

School Advisory Council Meeting

March 28, 2018

Call to Order: Mrs. Lynn called the meeting to

order at 8:36 a.m.

Members in Attendance: Erin Lynn, Ms. Williams, Essie Martin, Jennifer Alexander, Linda Myer, Holli Winter, Amber Lane, and Kathy Mignere

Motion to approve minutes/recap after changes approved

Parent Report:

* Proposed start times for next year have been approved
  + Middle 7:30 to 1:50
  + Elementary 8:25 to 2:45
  + High School 9:20 to 3:50
* Board members being limited to 8 year terms was discussed
* Financial Literacy classes will be made available for High School students
* Senate 7030 on School Safety to allow teachers to be armed
* Senate 770 bill regarding 18 credit path for technical students to focus on job readiness
* Best and Brightest bill will be moving away from SAT/ACT scores
* Senate bill 770 – 80% of funding is to go into classrooms
* Common Core – in 2020, new standards need to be proposed to replace Common Core, which will hold up textbook adoptions
* 2019 session proposed the Governor’s recommendation of $7,653.19 per student

Treasurer’s Report: Total funds $2197.54

Admin Report: Principal

* Parents can fill out survey with their phone, P has been stopping parents coming in to pick up children in order to have them fill out the survey
  + We only have 13 completed parent surveys, and we need 58-60.
  + 33 employee surveys complete
* Teacher question: Can we put a link into Alert Now?
* A.P. –
  + Testing – math team needs to be complemented for their PLC process, administered a practice FSA exam, lots of work went into the planning, all based on tracking numbers to arrange groupings
* Three staff members pulled kids to practice for the writing exams
* Testing will continue all next week, one grade level per day, then we will be getting into make ups and district tests
* Even while setting up for writing, we feel that seventh grade will be prepared to go first, then those teachers will be able to prepare other students, the older students, for writing, and sixth grade remains the same, schedule-wise
* Our Title 1 funding has been decreased by about 30,000, so we will have to make some staffing decisions
* We had more money this year due to not having the high transportation costs that accompany after school tutoring.
* One of our helpers now has a full time job, so we have approached one of our subs, who is a certified teacher, to continue to provide support for our students
* Treadway is working full time year-round elsewhere, and has been replaced by Ms. Wiles, who is doing very well.
* Mrs. Lynn’s sub (from maternity leave), Mrs. Flood, will be recommended for hire to replace Mr. Cribbs; we are really happy about her as well.
* P – has been quizzing kids in the cafeteria about writing types in regard to the FSAs, but they are shy about talking in front of their peers
* What are we going to do about snacks?
  + Discussion about water sizes and possibly bananas for student snacks before and during FSA testing
* Open house tonight for incoming 6th graders
  + APEX Coordinator – sent out 48 invitations, parents, students, and possibly siblings (primarily 6th grade) will be potentially attending.
  + P – we will hopefully be able to fill the gap (small 6th grade class so far)
* Sixth grade field trip forms very slow coming in – kid’s emotional/financial worries are a factor, this may be the only vacation they get this summer (Wild Adventures, Grad Bash, Grad Ventures)
  + All trips will be leaving on the same day
* E.L- 8th graders will be meeting tomorrow, have designed matching shirts, which will be about 8 dollars per shirt
* P – want to thank PTO for purchasing pies for Pi Day
* P - I want to congratulate kids for their focus during the math test, so am having about 500 pieces of Chick-fil-A coming in tomorrow to add to their lunches, they gave us 20% off.
* W – Alberto Crespo, with AXA wants a way to be more involved with students, and has given six $25 gift certificates – we need something, suggestions on how to use them? Raffle for attendance or behavior during testing?
* Raffle approved by those present as a good idea

Teacher Member

* E.L - We need to send emails out regarding surveys
* A. L. – all 8th grade U.S. History students will be practicing their writing for the next couple of weeks: citing evidence from documents and writing argumentative essays.

Teacher Fund Request:

* Ms. Reese is requesting $379.00 for a game truck, based on school improvement plan for increasing social skills. There are currently 13 students in the mentoring plan, who are excited about meeting their behavior goals
* Approved unanimously

Adjournment: motion to adjourn, and seconded at 9:09 am