Meeting Minutes

RHHS

School Improvement Council

Monday, September 10, 2018

6:00 pm.

Issued by: Christy Farley

Attendees:

Christy Farley – Chair, Nicole Ledford- vice chair, Stephanie So, Mandy Daigle, Ozzie Ahl, Stephanie Hooper, Lynette A. Smith, Betty Simpson, Jennifer Newton, Kim Hope, Tonie Bogan, Adiya Williams, Ms. Starcher

Mr. Ahl introduced Ms. Daigle – guidance counselor and department chair, and Ms. Starcher- career counselor.

Ms. Daigle discussed all that guidance provides. They issue schedules, provide counseling, schedule parent/ teacher conferences if needed. They also can help if a student is having a problem with a teacher or friends.

3 Umbrella Standards

1. Learn to Learn

This deals with knowledge, skills, academic focus. Counselors also facilitate EOSL, IEP, 504 plans. Each student is met with once a year to discuss the IGP. Parents are encouraged to come to this meeting. Advisors will also meet with a student upon request or if the student is getting off track.

2. Learning to work

Post-secondary choice

Ms. Starcher discussed career classes. The goal is to reach all students. She meets with English classes to discuss careers. (9th grade –twice yearly, 10th grade-once yearly, 11th grade-twice yearly, 12th grade once yearly) A career assessment is given to 10th graders and again in 11th grade. Ms. Starcher prepares students by having them research 3 colleges. The student is required to find out details of the college such as admission requirements, deadlines, scholarships, financial aid, etc. The students need to think about going from a particular career to what they would like to major in. The student’s senior year she also addresses soft skills as well as interviewing skills. Some students may not want to go to college and this is beneficial for those students.

Career opportunities throughout the year:

Career Lunches – people from the community discuss their occupation and all education levels

Career Field Trips- two therapeutic ranches, WBTV live news cast, Microsoft, Hospital

Parent University Expo

Full Job Shadow Day

Employment Connection

Interview workshop

3. Learning to Live

This includes personal social needs, relationships, family, teachers, at risk students, a lot of personal counseling.

Guidance communicates through Twitter, Facebook, and a newsletter on the schools website.

There are 7 guidance counselors and they work together to provide a team environment.

Mr. Ahl gave a school update. As of Friday, Sept 7th the enrollment was 2000 students which was about like last year. Several students will be able to graduate early. A special ceremony will be held for them in January. There is an application for students to graduate a year early if they have all their credits, parental consent, and administration consent. Students who may be short credits may attend summer sessions and graduate in a summer ceremony at the district office.

Welcome Center Update-

The bids in the spring were high at about 700,000 dollars. Since the cost was extreme a new plan was formed. Bids start the 14th and the job will be awarded September 28th. The expected completion will be November 30th. The fencing is to be completed by January 1st. If all construction goes as planned, the building will open right after winter break – January 7th. The morning gates will close at 8:30. There will be panic bars to leave but nobody can enter. The only way to access the building will be through the welcome center. This will help cut down on lunch deliveries and students leaving for lunch.

Progress reports will be sent out September 21.

The district fall SIC meeting will be October 23, 6:30-8 at the district office.

Mr. Ahl will be attending a conference in Houston to refresh on the IB program. The 5 year renewal plan for advanced education is up for district accreditation. A survey will be sent out. The next SIC meeting we plan on having Ms. Sanford with us to discuss the IB program.