

District Parent Council Meeting Minutes: 9/11/23

Attendees: District parent council attendees: CJ Calarco (BOE), N.Romeo, A. Fennessy (AHS), S.Cupelli- Deputy Superintendent AECSD, Alisa Lawton (AJHS), Renate Mandy (AJHS), C.Siddall (Herman),J.Shepard (AJHS,AHS),J.Pirozzolo-Superintendent AECSD

Facilitator: N.Romeo

Secretary: C.Siddall

Timekeeper: Joseph Shepard

DPC Mission Statement

The District Parent Council in partnership with the Auburn Enlarged City School District will act as a forum for communication and support between members of the school community in order to benefit all students.

AECSD Mission Statement

The mission of the Auburn Enlarged City School District is to develop citizens that are capable of meeting the challenges of their future by providing equitable, fiscally sound educational opportunities necessary to develop confident life-long learners.

Agenda:

Brief Review of By-Laws of the District Parent Council

Bylaws were created and adopted in June of 2023. The DPC is a platform for parent education and communication. Topics are discussed at meetings and information is shared with buildings and community. Mr.Pirozzolo will contact Jessica Luisi to create a DPC tab on the website. The by-laws will be located on the AECSD DPC website.

Superintendent's Report:

Heat:

Mr.Pirozzolo reported on the AHS "chiller". It is being repaired. The junior high school does not have air conditioning with the exception of the technology room. Portable air conditioners are available at the junior high school. The junior high school will have air conditioning in place over the summer of 2024 (last phase of capital project). Elementary classes are utilizing air conditioned spaces for classes when the temperature of the classroom exceeds 82 degrees.

Phone usage:

Discussion of cell phone policy at AJHS.

AJHS: No cell phone usage at all. Cell phones are banned. Discipline referrals have decreased immensely.

AHS: No cell phone usage during instruction or in an "instructional space". Students may use cell phones in the hallway or cafeteria only, or with the exception of a teacher request for use of cell phones during instruction.

Discipline Data: please see attached documents

Jeff discussed discipline data.

AHS:

66% is cutting class

12 % late to school

4% insubordination

3% inappropriate behavior

2% left building/vaping

AJHS

84% of students at AJHS have no discipline referrals. 16% of AJHS students are responsible for all of the discipline referrals.

Severity of discipline referral:

There were more violent referrals (fighting, etc) at AJHS.

Vaping is more of a discipline issue at AHS. There are sensors in the bathrooms.

Discussion of behaviors at AJHS after COVID.

Dean of students at AJHS is a new position created to assist with discipline. This staff member will try to develop relationships in order to connect with students.

Parent concerns/agenda topic for October

Suggestion: parent square training

Question about coaches using Parent Square.

Next month's topics:

***Parent Square training for parents**

***Superintendent's Report**

Next DPC meeting:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:30-7:30

AHS library