Clayton SCC Meeting Minutes

5/10/2022 7-8am, online

Open Meeting.

Attendees: Adrian Bancroft, Amanda Funai, T. Richard Davis, Caroline Moreno Heather Barber, Aimee Burrows, Marcy Jenkins, Anena Gardner, Nanette Kearl, Melissa Ford, Kristy Runyan, Bryan Jensen, Dallin Miller, Molly Pearce

Welcome to Clayton SCC Meeting. Heather Barber is conducting the meeting.

Agenda:

Minutes from previous meeting (Apr) are approved unanimously. Motion to approve: Adrian Bancroft
Seconded: Heather Burrows

PTA Report by Kristy Runyan

- Teacher appreciation last week was great
- Planning 8th grade celebration on June 3 – assembly with students with speeches and a video, then there will be a celebration outside with snacks with parents afterwards.

SIC Report by Kristy Runyan

- Clayton will have short Fridays next year, mostly planning for next year. Also discussing short days around the parent-teacher conferences and also before breaks where parents tend to take their students out earlier.

Counselor Report by Anena

- Finished the assessment and will be analyzing to improve program. All groups have finished for the year. Transition meetings with 6th grade teams at feeder schools and learning about students of concern. Talked about digital manners. Continue to do mindful moments 3x a week.
- Community night tonight – breakout session on mental health for students and parents.

Principal Report by Adrian Bancroft

- Cell phone usage policy – uptick in cyber bullying, inappropriate photos and videos over the last few months and most was occurring during school hours. Ban now covers the entire school day (bell to bell / 7:55 – 2:20), phones, watches, airpods. Has been talking to students and getting feedback – a lot of the feedback is that students didn’t realize how much of a negative affect they were having from phones. Generally positive. Anena Gardner – fewer headaches, sleeping better (feedback from kids). Majority of feedback from parents has been positive and supportive with a couple of exceptions. One parent had concerns about safety – if there was an emergency in the building, wouldn’t have access. SafeUT. Health concerns – access to device for health reasons. Adrian has tried to address concerns with parent and has tried to come up with a formal policy that addresses all those concerns. Also mindful to make sure they were in line with district policy (S-11). Added in airpods and such to specify what electronic devices are.
Also changed to add in more specifics about what happens when a device is confiscated (3 strikes and you are out rule). Seems to be going really well. Incidents of cyber bullying escalation through social media have gone done (2x a week before, but none since then). Kristy Runyan- teachers appreciate it because the policy is consistent and has been peaceful because students know it would be consistent. Addressing Concerns – each student can access SafeUT on their own laptop. Faculty will discuss with student what they were using phone for first to make sure it wasn’t for any sort of emergency or medical issue. Students with 504 or medical issues that need phones are allowed and that list of students (<10) has been passed to faculty. Will require parents to relearn – contacting office if they need to get ahold of the student during the school day. Melissa Ford – many parents have called her in support. Someone has called with the concerns similar to what Adrian addressed. Was also concerned about phones being confiscated, keeping them safe as they are so expensive. Adrian – phones will be brought to the office (teacher, not a student) and keeps them in a locked drawer with Kristy. That is also addressed in the policy.

- Last SCC meeting – really appreciate everyone for attending and so early. Next year – rules for SCC suggest that members stay on for 2 years – can be difficult because we are a two year school. Would like everyone who can stay as well as grow the committee. Email Adrian if you can do it next year. (Also, email if you can’t so they can plan for next year). Caroline – elections versus just coming. Seems like just let people come because most people will fall off and it won’t be too big to manage. Adrian – would rather not have an election – a pain. Motion to participate without elections – Adrian. Seconded by Caroline. Approved that everyone can participate without elections. Meeting for next year: continue with same day and time for at least the first meeting (1st Tuesday in September). Will send out that invitation in late August. Zoom or in person? People would like in person, but possibly at a different time. Zoom for first meeting to figure out how to go forward. Comments that the time is hard for people.

Bryan Jensen is a candidate for school board and wants to speak. Has lived here since 1991 and raised 3 children to Indian Hills and Clayton and East. Attorney that practiced law for 25 years. Concerned about education but didn’t want to be a coach spectator. Some experience in Indian Hills and created a foundation there to help with technology. Got a Masters in education from Westminster and then taught for 11 years at Newman Elementary in Rose Park (taught 2nd, 3rd, 6th). Retired this January for some health issues, which have been resolved. Was approached by some people that Melissa would be retiring and so he decided to run to have a teacher perspective at the school board. Concerns – hopefully we have rounded the bend on the pandemic. Declining student enrollment – two branches to consider: try to increase students who left during the pandemic. Also interested in summer school programs. This could make it harder to attract teachers if they think they won’t have a job in the future. Also concerned about mental health.

Melissa – we will miss you! The first member of the school board he has seen in the building at Clayton!

Adrian moves to Adjourn. Kristy seconds it.
Motion to end – ; Second – Dallin

Meeting adjourned.