

# Parent Collaborative Network

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Visitors: Kathy Coke, Michael Zentmeyer

## Discussion Items:

### Safety Update:

- Lori Roy shared that a nonsensical email reached staff and board members yesterday. Out of caution, the administration reached out to law enforcement to ensure the email was not a threat. The situation was taken very seriously and looked into immediately by the WPD, NHCSO and later that evening the FBI. We were able to gain a comfort/knowledge in knowing that the situation was a phishing situation and not a threat to the school. Out of precaution, we closed our 4-8 playground, but are able to confidently open it now.

### Volunteer Security Program: Michael Zentmeyer

- Introduced the core values (keeping kids safe) behind the Volunteer Security Program measures we are considering and discussing today
- We have an insurance provider questionnaire that has led us to make changes over the years. Recently, the question was raised, do we do criminal background checks for all volunteers alone with students.
- Working with Ben utilize the check in system
- First level- simply visitors (not volunteers)
- Second level- Volunteer 1- help classroom teachers, partnerships, field day, etc. Come regularly, but only work with students in the presence of other staff members.
  - o 1. Volunteer application required
  - o 2. Volunteer agreement (statements about what volunteers should and should not do)
- Third level- Volunteer 2- Working in school with students not under direct supervision of students (alone with students)
  - o Volunteer application
  - o Volunteer agreement
  - o Criminal background check (\$23 fee)
- Fourth level- Volunteer 3- Driving students
  - o Volunteer application
  - o Volunteer agreement
  - o Criminal background check (\$23 fee)
  - o License/Insurance
- Goal: Implement it in February/March
- Background checks would go to Human Resources. If something comes up, HR would discuss the situation with the Director (no names) to determine if the situation needs any further

- PPRC Committee met and reviewed pieces of policy as well, made suggestions/a few adjustments. Will go to faculty and board for first read over next few weeks.

Emphasis on treating Ben and Susan in the front office with respect as we continue implementing safety protocol and as any additional changes take hold.

#### Federal Funds- Kathy Coke

- The school receives Federal Funds, mostly for the Exceptional Children program, but today is regarding the Title I and Title II funds.
- Title I- Student Achievement; Title II- Professional Development (licensure and certification), New grant this year (ESSA connected)- hoping to use for interactive boards in the classrooms.
- Title II funds: Go through L3- using for Eureka Math/Responsive Classroom this year (approx.: \$12,000)
- Title I funds: Support interventions, student achievement (mostly salary) (approx.: \$12,000)
- Questions?

#### Strategic Planning Update- Lori Roy

- Teacher and Board Training on Friday/Saturday---parent survey coming soon!

#### Forgiveness/Florence Recap

- Some parents had questions regarding the decision to forgive 8 days. Lori recapped that the teachers spent a lot of time going through their plans for the year. All faculty/staff looked at the time remaining and developed individualized plans for ensuring the material could be covered while also respecting the needs of students, families and teachers for breaks, vacations, and professional development.

#### Technology: 15 min

- Google Classroom- new and learning; some students get a lot of responses and other students don't. Causes emotional stress.
- Encourage parent to talk directly to teacher to solve immediate problem (she did) and bring to PCN
- Google Classroom on the phone (use the child's)---TIPS----apps
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade loop given Chromebooks, not taught how to type.
- Balance- typing program- typingclub.com; Michele/Morgan website
- Parent Training:
  - o Idea- Fundraiser- Parent Safety Night

- How to block/monitor/etc.
- Monitoring apps (so many----overwhelming)

- Between now and Friday: [pcn@cfc.net](mailto:pcn@cfc.net)

Future Items: 10 min

- Strategic Feedback from parents
- Calendar next year
- Lake Forest Academy (rotating children)---adopting a school---supporting the teachers: 40 staff members
- Spelling Bee
- Powerschool login for parents and ability to update information