

CMS PTO Meeting

January 9, 2019

Meeting adjourned 7:50am

In Attendance:

Blaise DiGirolamo
Alicia Tao
Eva Gudbergsdottir
Michelle Chu
Dan Morgan
Pam Ajir
Holly Temple
Maija West (left early)
Cindy Schroeder
Lovina Worick

Agenda Items

- Approval of Minutes from 12.5.18
- Dr. Suzie DuPrez Chief Academic Officer - 2018 results on the CA Dashboard (postponed)
- Assistant Principal Blaise DiGirolamo - Safety Plan
- Funding Requests
- Principal's Report

Approval of Minutes from 12.5.18 - Approved

Assistant Principal Blaise DiGirolamo - Safety Plan

Safety Committee Members
Blaise DiGirolamo
Cathleen Rice
Matt Ishler
Joe Guzzi

Current plan (2017/2018) is in office.

This year's (2018/2019) plan is awaiting approval by the county.

Explanation of Safety Plan

The plan made in last year's school year, is implemented this year

2017/2018 evaluation (SUMMARY)

School Safety Committee and school administration monitored the plan

Suspensions, Expulsions

Parent surveys

What progress was made on Component 1 (people and programs/social climate): anti-bullying lessons were rolled out to 6th graders

What progress was made on Component 2: The entire school took part in a full-scale emergency/release drill

2018/2019

Areas of pride and strength (long list which can be procured from the front office).

Examples are: MBOE plus kick off day (7th), Ohana Day (8th), Student connectedness to school.

Reports of bullying have dropped

More class competitions

Serve a Thon - Community Service Project

Areas we wish to change: continue to improve the social climate (specific goals were reviewed. These can be procured from the front office)

Goal 1: by Jan 2019 expose 100% of students and staff (to??)

Goal 2: by May of 2019 Install Camera Surveillance system throughout the campus

Looking ahead, we'll always have a component of social climate and a physical component. Some items on the list to cover: Sexual harassment, cyber-bullying, sexting, sex-ed, tobacco/drug prevention.

Q&A

Holly asked if someone is expelled, is there tracking of that child...to make sure they're okay and that they're getting the help they need. Answer: not necessarily. The child is tracked in the context of being transferred to a new school.

Question was brought up about if vaping is an issue. Responses from Mr. DiGirolamo and Mr. Morgan were that it's difficult to catch someone vaping and that the devices used are so small it's very difficult to catch someone. It doesn't have very a very strong scent. It's always on the radar, but difficult to catch. Vaping often happens in the bathrooms which cannot be monitored with cameras.

Pamela asked if there is a plan in place to deal with Sexual Harassment. Response was that yes, there is methodology to dealing with this issue.

Michelle Chu asked if there's a plan for dealing with mental wellness. Mr. Morgan responded that while there is, he would love to expand those health services. He feels it's a critical need. But it's challenging because we're working with outside entities. Michelle asked if there's a resource at the high school. Response was that there's someone who handles social/emotional wellness. Mr. DiGirolamo responded that emotional wellness is a big umbrella. For example the social competition during lunches help. As well as addressing such questions as: "do we assign the right amount of homework?"

District has a program called MTSS (multiple tiered systems of support) - helping that kids don't fall through the cracks (language ed, gifted children, mental health)

Eva G. Said that she feels that there's data that suggests that parents connecting with each other helps with student behavior.

Mr. Morgan said it gets to be complicated to help certain children when the parents aren't on the same page with how the school is viewing the issue.

Suspension rates are used as a CA standard for school performance, but Mr. D and Mr. M responded that there's not necessarily a correlation.

Mr. Morgan's stance is even though the school is rated on this, his standard is CMS suspends when rules are broken. Even though the school can get their rating hurt by higher number of suspensions...CMS's position is suspend for any suspend-able offense regardless of the impact on the school's rating.

Mr. Di said that there are cycles of students with behavioral issues

Mr. Morgan said that the youtube culture (social media culture) has had an impact on the general culture of students. Memes. "Epic fail" videos, for example. Mr. D said that because they're so popular, it impacts the behavior of the students.

Pamela brought up that a friend parent was upset because her son was upset that other kids he knew of were taking inappropriate photos of themselves and sending them out. She asked the friend to report it. Mr. D and Mr. M said they had not received that report yet.

Also discussed issue with Snapchat that the photos disappear.

Blaise pointed out: Parent University: does blogs for parents showing parents how kids are using apps. Gives synopses about what apps are out there esp. dangerous apps and how students/kids are using the apps.

Michelle asked if there's anything in place to prevent access to inappropriate sites. Mr. Morgan responded said yes, there are filters that prevent access to certain sites and also certain key words. Blaise receives a report for what words were blocked and whose computer it was.

Funding Requests

Susan Thompson in library is asking for \$1,800 of 5 higher-end cameras with accessories. Plan is to run first ever CMS film festival. - Approved

(Also made arrangement to have it screened at High School)

Joyce Liu asking for \$550 for campus-wide Chinese New Year celebration (Eva said this was a pre-approved expense...yearly?)

Update from Alicia is that Sanctuary Gym is closing.

Discouraging quote from company who we went to for the extension of the basketball court (which was \$40-50k over the original, verbal quote.)

Lovina asking if we put the extra money in a CD to earn interest. Eva said she would like to make sure we spend the money.

Principal's Report

Big storm on the horizon potentially starting Thursday night (for around 5/6 days) and CMS is looking to help Big Sur kids...by having host families here at CMS who can help them.

*****Meeting closed at 9:49am*****

Next meeting is February 6th, 2019.