Warner Robins High school, School Council Minutes 10.29.20

The Warner Robins High School, School Council met in regular session on Thursday 10.29.20 @ 2:30 via zoom.

School Council Members Present:

Mr. Chris McCook, Principal Kimberly Gibson Teresa Sears

Visitors:

Linh Narum, Family Engagement Coordinator

Mr. Chris McCook called the zoom meeting to order @ 2:33 pm.

Review of 9/24/20 meeting minutes

Report of the Principal

COVID update: Mr. McCook discussed COVID policies and practices in and around our school. School is averaging about 1 call out a week re: new cases of COVID. Callouts sent to parents so they are notified ASAP. Currently have roughly a dozen, give or take, who are in quarantine. No spikes after Fall Break. Mr. McCook continues to encourage everyone to take care of themselves and take necessary precautions.

Facility update

Not slated for any major upgrades. Talks about possibly fencing in the school. Our building is more secure, especially the front office area where guests must be buzzed in. There is a request for paving and concrete and changing up the landscraping. We had a few issues with A/C units but those are being dealt with. Otherwise, the building is in good shape considering it's age.

Student Council: We have students who serve as advisors to principal. We are working on requests/recommendations made. Students have requested the return of Curly Fries. Vending Machines will be open again and operating for students' use.

Academic update

Distance Learning:

Mr. McCook stated that distance learners are struggling and need motivation to keep at it. Parents have a window of opportunity to change their student's learning program November 12-19. Parents can change their student from DL to in person and vice versa. He expects to see an increase of students

returning to the classroom environment. We currently have roughly 550 DL and expect about 30% to return. School is doing everything they can to support the DL students.

Face to Face Instruction:

Seen a 6% increase in ELA and are expecting good test scores. Attributes this to Achieve 3000 program and increase in independent reading. Decrease in Math scores but we have made changes. We had a high turnover in the Math department so making changes.

Discipline has decreased compared to this time in the past. We attribute this to two things 1. Lack of movement/free time and masks.

Parent/student community events

Clubs will start back up on November 2nd, using all necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. One Acts by Drama department which are normally held in the Fall have been moved to Winter. Our Volleyball team are Runners Up in the region. Softball had a good season. Region play for Football begins this week. We have increased capacity in the stadium to 35%. Basketball and Wrestling starting up. We are working out how tickets will be sold for basketball games.

Family Engagement Coordinator update: 11th Grade Info session coming up on Nov 4th at 6:30 pm, look for info sessions for other grades. November is Family Engagement Month so stay tuned for events. Stay informed by following us on social media.

Open Questions:

Will we have state testing this year?

Answer: Still up in the air but we hope to have some answers soon. Things change daily but we will update families when we have a definite answer.

How can students walk into school on rainy days?

Answer: Students dropped off in the morning can proceed through the multi-purpose building and out the other end to stay in covered areas.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned @ 3:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Warner Robins High School, School Council will meet on 12.10.20 @ 2:30 pm via zoom.