

Northside Middle School Council

Minutes

December 8, 2020

Present at meeting:

Dustin Dykes
Christina Sanders
Tambra Singletary
Mindy Canceran
Dustin Clements
virtually-Bobby Ferguson

I. Call to order at 7:05 AM

II. Inspiration led by Dr. Dykes

III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Dykes

IV. Approval of Agenda—Motion to approve—Christina Sanders-Motion to approve, Tambra Singletary-2nd

V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting on November 6, 2019—Christina Sanders-Motion to approve, Tambra Singletary-2nd

VI. Report of Principal—

Window for virtual students was open on November 12-19. We will have 147 virtual students returning to in-person learning and 15 students will leave in-person learning to go to virtual. The overall number of students returning spreads through all three grade levels with about 45 students per grade level. We will begin the next semester reviewing Covid procedures to ensure that we are still maintaining a level of safety for all students and staff. We are preparing for no more than 22 students in any classroom in order to provide for social distancing within the classroom. The teachers who previously taught 3 in-person classes and 1 virtual will move to teaching 4 in-person classes, and we will have 6 teachers teaching the approximately 200 students remaining in virtual instruction. Our connections classes will go to 2 connections rather than just 1. We are currently trying to recruit students for band in order to help the class sizes out for connections.

PBIS is our tool for rewarding positive behavior. We now have a PBIS app that students can use to check their points. Students will be able to redeem points for prizes and raffles at designated times each semester. The raffles will take place in December before we leave for the break. There will also be opportunities for students to purchase gifts for family members with their PBIS points in December. Ms. Canceran suggested the possibility of a “Santa Store” next year where students could purchase gifts with their money for family members. We could use it as a fundraiser.

Our schoolwide Spelling Bee will take place on Monday, December 14th, and we will announce holiday dress themes for the school for next week in order to add some fun to the holidays.

Indoor sports will begin with basketball, which means that we will have to abide by covid restrictions of 30% capacity. Because our gym is so small, we don’t know how those numbers will work for parents of students who are playing. We will announce that as soon as we know. A suggestion was made to try to share the larger gyms with other schools. This was discussed previously by admin, but the others gyms are crowded with their own teams, so we aren’t sure this would be a solution.

VII. Old Business—No old business to discuss

VIII. New Business: Our next meeting will be held on February 23rd at 7:00 a.m. in the media center

IX. Adjournment