



## SCHOOL COUNCIL, PAT MEETING

August 24, 2023 4:00-4:30pm

Presenters: Erica Abram-FEL, Chris McCook-Principal

### AGENDA:

- Welcome Greeting

Attendees: Chris McCook, Erica Abram, Janie Boyd, Kimberly Gibson, Felicia Cason, Melissa Dalinsky, Swonder Scott

- Principal Introduction
- Call Meeting to Order

Mr. McCook shared information about Demon Time-instructional time designated on Tuesdays to focus on instruction. Returned to going over DemonPride in Rockin R (homeroom) on Thursdays to build those relationships. Rockin R will also address social skills like class etiquette, speaking to adults, and conflict resolution. Academic targets such as transcript checks, and SAT prep will be discussed in Rockin R as well.

Teachers are focused on Tier 1 instruction and teaching standards in the classroom.

- Discussion about School Council

School Council encourages parent involvement. We are focusing on R3-Relationships, Relevance, and Rigor this year. We can already see the impact of R3 with students and teachers. Example: Dress code-Rather than send students home and immediately punish, teachers and admin are having conversations and explaining the reasoning and importance of following rules to ensure progressive changes and are seeing less problems.

- Opportunities for Parents to volunteer and contribute

The relevance of the School Council is receiving other points of view and input. Email topic requests before meeting to Linda Baily or Chris McCook. Volunteer time and community relationships are growing.

- Outline duties of School Council
- Vote/Elect School Council Members

Tabled for future meeting due to limited numbers.

- Questions/Concerns

Q: Dress Code: Leggings-appropriate with mid-thigh length shirt

Q: Vape Sensors: Still in the planning stage. McCook going to Merriweather and/or Bleckley to see it in action but principals on board and process is ongoing. New feature can be set on decibels and would allow limits of number in the area/based on noise volume. On-going research.

Q: Walk-through suggestions -some small fixes, others on list for future renovation

We do have 2 SRO's and changed the bathroom pass to color coded by building to cut down on wandering and incidents.

McCook also shared that enrollment is up but 9<sup>th</sup> graders are well behaved (1<sup>st</sup> group in full time school previous 3 years post Covid) and the school year is off to a great start.

Ecovase is used to cut down on germ spread.

New Policies: phones put away and is working, vape policy 3 strike to alternative school, fights are now monitored with contracts and 3 strikes to alternative based on severity. All policies are enforced, but the focus again is on R3. Punishment doesn't change the behavior.

- Closing

Future Meetings:

Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 3:15 ZOOM

Thursday, October 26, 2023, @ 3:15 ZOOM

Thursday, January 25, 2024, @ 3:15 ZOOM

Thursday, March 28, 2024, @ 3:15 ZOOM

Thursday, April 25, 2024, @ 3:15 In-Person