

Douglas County School District
Douglas Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Carson Valley Middle School
1477 Highway 395, Gardnerville, NV 89410
Monday, March 12, 2018
5:30 PM

APPROVED

Minutes

4/09/2018

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Present:

Trustees:

Carey Kangas, School Board Member

Personnel:

Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director – Area 3

Robert Been, CVMS Principal

Marty Swisher, AAHS/JHS/ADULT Principal

Shannon Brown, GES Principal

Linda Fields, CVMS Vice-Principal

Parent Representatives:

Amy Carter, CVMS Parent

Sophia Roussakis, MES Parent

Stephanie Alvarado, CCMES Parent

Dawn Wood, JVES Parent

Stella Roper, GWHS Parent

Robin Reed, MES Parent

Zohra Womack, ZCES Parent

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment. None was given.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January 22, 2018, meeting were approved.

4. Work Session

Mrs. Cronin-Mack welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Parent Involvement Highlights from CVMS

Mr. Robert Been, CVMS Principal, shared the following family engagement observations, strategies and activities from CVMS:

- He noted that parent involvement at the middle school is difficult.
- The transition period from elementary to middle school is the largest amount of family engagement at middle school.
- Transition Opportunities - Elementary to Middle School
 - Counselor visits
 - Field trips to CVMS
 - Parent education nights
 - Orientation before school begins – food brings people in (ice cream/hotdogs)
- CVMS is working on an Electronic Peechee
 - School website
 - Classroom website
 - Newsletters
 - Auto dialer
 - Remind.com
 - SIR
 - Transition meetings
 - Academic planning
 - Student led conferences
 - Student incident reports
- Activities
 - Veterans activities - for active and no longer active – interviews/stories written by kids
 - GE Engineers clubs and math counts
 - Student of the month breakfasts
 - Chaperones at dances and pumpkin run
 - PTO meetings
 - Concerts, art night, book fairs, technology nights
- Looking Ahead
 - Building a parent room at the front of the school
 - Include parent resources

Ms. Kristy Reck shared the following information about the changes and updates to the CVMS Library:

- Alternative seating/new furniture
- Updating collection
- New audio system
- New projection system coming
- MakerSpace – growth mindset and learning how to learn
- Looking forward to using more parents at lunches to support the program
- Clubs: Chess Club and STEAM Club

Mr. Shannon Brown shared a GES update about the Breakfast Meeting:

- Tell us the things we can do to be better
- Thirty sent out and four showed up
- Communication – Called parents who did not attend and asked why. They will have the Breakfast Meeting again. All parents called said they would attend if invited again.

Discussion of Revisions to DCSD AR 513 Grading

- Mrs. Cronin-Mack led the review and discussion. Based on the previous discussion, most of the language from Lyon County School District was embedded into the AR and the group went through line by line to make changes and adapt the language to reflect the group's input. The suggestion was made and accepted by the group that the driving principles be changed to "Valid, Reliable, Impartial and Understandable." The heading, "Guiding Questions for Grading" was changed to "General Principles for Grading". Each bullet underneath was then changed to a statement instead of a question. Other recommendations for further discussion and language development were to add "writing performance standards" and language at the secondary level on the weighting of End of Course exams.
- Mrs. Cronin-Mack let the committee know that the K-2 Report Card Committee was also reviewing and rewriting language around grading and she would be sharing some of that at the next meeting.
- Additionally, Mrs. Cronin-Mack communicated to the committee that the committee's recommendations would be reviewed by the Executive Cabinet as well as the school administrators for further input.

5. Public Comment #2

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment. None was given.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.