

2021-22 INTER-SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 03/02/22 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance

Dr. Kelly Amshey, Heather Berkenpas, Brandi Berta, Mike Cuneo, Andrea Jacobson, Joann Lambert, Kerrie LeBlanc, Mandy Mynhier-Lake, Jodi Nester, Lindesy O'Rourke, Mike Ramm, Renee Russo, Jessica Steele, Korie Wilson-Crawford

Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Inter-School Advisory Council is to act as an advisory group to the school superintendent and other administrative personnel, to serve as a sounding board for pertinent issues, and to facilitate communication to the community.

Superintendent/Central Office Reports

Korie Wilson-Crawford, Interim Superintendent

- Superintendent Update:
 - Candidate screening meeting on 3/5/22 with Board of Education (BoE)
 - Call candidates to see if they will accept an interview
 - Interviews will begin the week of 3/14/22
 - Interviews are open to the public and will possibly be livestreamed.
 - Updated timeline is located on the RPS website
 - New superintendent will begin employment on 7/1/22

Mike Ramm (Assistant Superintendent of Instruction)

- CRASE Training – Citizens Response to Active Shooter Events developed by Texas State University
 - Training for paras/support staff given on 2/22/22
 - Conducted by Ryan Morin, Kent County Sherriff Department School Resource Officer
 - Based on the Premise of Avoid, Deny, Defend as well as having a situational awareness no matter where you are
- Google Meets for absent students
 - Google meets will be discontinued
 - Attendance levels across the district are close to pre-pandemic levels – 95% vs 97%
 - This allows for teachers to focus on the kids in the classroom vs dividing attention between the classroom and the computer
 - If a student has an extended absence, teachers will offer individualized support such as when students go on vacation, have surgery, etc.

Finance (Mike Cuneo, Assistant Superintendent of Finance)

- Governor's Budget
 - Governor Whitmer is very pro K-12 education
 - Gov. Whitmer has moved to a tiered approach towards educational funding
 - 9/10 of the top performing states in education utilize a tiered funding structure – Michigan is currently ranked in the 30s
 - Tiered approach is baseline funding for general education and additional help for special circumstances
 - 78% of funding comes from the State of Michigan
 - Our district survives on tax dollars, and while the cost seems generous, when adjusted for inflation, the monies are actually low
 - Allocate monies to allow for public education to attract and retain educators
 - For every 1 person going into teaching, there are 1.4 openings
- Bond Update
 - Broke ground on new school (temporarily called Elementary School #9) – initially this was to occur 1 year ago
 - Dkyema Excavators is doing the excavating
 - Largest elementary school in the district – will also house DK
 - NRMS – built in 1960s and was the original high school
 - Core classrooms will be reduced in number and expanded in square footage. Additions will made to the south part of NRMS.
 - Construction to begin 1 year from now

ISAC Member Issues/Miscellaneous

****Please e-mail your legislators and let them know that you want the school aid fund to be spent on school aged children and not used for unfunded liabilities/retirement!**

Next Meeting

March 23, 2022, Administration Office Team Room (350 N. Main Street)