

Atlantic Coast High School

School Advisory Council



Meeting: Tuesday September 28th, 2021 (rescheduled from 9/21/2021)

Location: ACHS – Room 104

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Laura Leuthold at 6:03 PM

Attendance:

Becky Bernard	Brenda Leohy	Zeina Spaulding
Mike George	Laura Leuthold	James Tiurchy
Jane Harvey	Tim Miller	Kristen Tiurchy
Alexandra Paul		

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Approved

Shared Decision Meeting:

- Did not have a meeting (was scheduled for when principal change announced so it was postponed)
- New plan for how to deal with subs when they don't show up
 - go down a list to spread out the load
 - getting subs has been very difficult
- Schedule has changed to allow more time between classes, but the bell needs to be adjusted to match
- Appendix G on contract (remove a student from a class) - Mrs. Spaulding usually is not involved with in the meeting to allow the committee to handle the decision. There will be a meeting to discuss the process.
- Next meeting will be after Mr. George will be officially the principal

PTSA Report: (Becky)

- PTSA Would like to sponsor homecoming dance (providing food and drinks), helping with the Ray Rally.
- Membership is down because open house was virtual which is where they usually gain the most members.

CTE Academy Advisory Board:

- No Report

Public Library/Community Report:

- No Report

DAC:

- No Report

Principal's Report:

- Enrollment continues to increase, currently at 2403
- Have hired several new people
 - Jada Mitchell – Front Desk
 - Carole Desrosiers – Enrollment
 - Chrishana Benton – Journalism
 - Lisa Swan – Psych / Soc / Virtual Lab
 - Rachel Hozey – 9th grade ELA
- 8 vacancies
 - More than ACHS has ever had, there is a shortage of teachers, but we don't want to hire just anyone. 3 of the positions are new because of budget increases
 - Classes with vacancies currently have substitutes so no scheduling changes are expected when they are filled. The substitutes are being provided work by other teachers.
- Testing will be starting soon (SAT, FSA, PMA1, and PSAT)
 - 1100 FSA tests had to be administered in the last few weeks.
 - A lot of students need to meet this graduation requirement, did a "shutdown" to create a better testing environment.
 - PMA 1 – progress monitoring test to show where we are after Q1 (5 subject areas) - 9th and 10th graders
 - SAT and PSAT 10/13 will be a testing shutdown day
- Tardies – the schedule change to allow 5 minutes between classes has helped. Late busses have been an issue (no tardies for late busses).
- Traffic in the morning is a little difficult. Some parents are not follow the rules when dropping off students and the school doesn't have enough staff to have 5 – 6 people directing traffic. They have had School Police and JSO out to review the situation and the school has followed their recommendations.
- Some concerns from 9th graders on bathroom policy: ACHS has individual bathrooms (4 in each pod). School rule: first and last 15 min of class, no bathroom breaks to settle the school. Some teachers may limit the number of bathroom passes, but they all understand that emergencies happen. There is no school rule on the number of hall passes per quarter.

- Guidance. Concern with the number of changes in week 5. There were a lot of schedule changes because of receiving school data late. There are 5 counselors for 2400 students. They have office hours during lunch after the first couple of weeks of school. Counselors have a lot of information on the website and Instagram with information for testing and college processes, scholarship information, etc.
- New computer science teacher, Jane Harvey, is the webmaster, send her any info and she can put it on the site. She will be the new lead teacher for CTE, combining the gaming and computer science academy allow the students to pick a track. Looking for parents for the CTE Advisory board.
- **New Principal: Mike George**
 - Will be here as much as possible for the next couple of weeks while on-boarding
 - Should be full time in the next couple of weeks
 - Was a principal of a HS in New Orleans
 - Almost done with his doctorate in Educational Leadership.
 - Working on the transition plan
 - Official teacher announcement was yesterday, once on-boarding is completed will send out the official announcement.
 - Previous school had 2nd largest CSS program in city
 - Sports are very important, it is a hook for many students, sports and academics are tied together.

SAC Election:

- Chair: Laura Leuthold
- Vice-Chair: Jay Waite
- Secretary: Tim Miller

Adjournment: 6:45 PM

Next Meeting: October 19th @ 6:00 PM (3rd Tuesday except December)