

## **Eastmark High School**

Queen Creek Unified School District

# **EHS Site Council Meeting**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

#### **Attendees**

Paul Gagnon Christine Murphy Aubrey Lindbloom Tammy Boley Debi Short Annette Davis Terry Danber

## **Agenda**

## Call Meeting to Order:

Aubrey Lindbloom at 6:01pm

## **Board Report:**

- Review Minutes:
  - Benchmark Data Results designed to show how well students mastered the standards
    - Math -
      - 7th grade EHS is close to QCUSD average
      - Honors 7 close to district average
      - 8th grade significantly below district average
      - Algebra above district average
      - Geometry above district average
      - Algebra II below district average
    - ELA literature standards tested this time
      - 7 close to district average

- 8 close to district average
- 9 above district average
- 10 above district average
- 11 above district average
  - students take ACT and are hopeful for improvement in the informational text standards; technical documents, bill of rights, etc.
- 12 above district average
- Science some staff turnover in the last year, working to build capacity
  - 7 below district average
  - 8 below average district
  - Bio significantly below district average
  - Chem above district average
- Look at lowest standard tested and set a goal
  - interventions: bell work, achievement hour
  - will test the lowest standard again next benchmark

#### Lock Down

- can relate to feelings of being scared and the not knowing information as a parent
- review the positives and negatives
  - communication to improve with lockdowns
  - discussed with PR people to send out communication while principal takes control of the school
  - seminary communication when lockdowns happen
  - steps for parents when lockdowns occur
  - make sure story aligns with news media and local PD officer to avoid cause for concern
  - some teachers didn't treat it as a real lockdown and will work to ensure teachers always treat lockdowns as they are real

#### Sports Tryouts

- basketball was not handled well with communication sent
  beforehand and what was shared the day of tryouts regarding who
  was on which team already before tryouts
- communication lacking once teams are made regarding practices and concussion training completion date
- Mr. Gagnon will work through communication with the coaches regarding how they speak to students and who they speak to with frustrations
- moving forward with programs that have cuts, communicating the rubrics for what they will be judged on for tryouts
- cannot approve minutes due to not enough

#### **Principal Report:**

- Paul Gagnon -
  - 1. lots of absences with COVID and flu bug currently
    - a. students can take finals once school returns in January
  - 2. Jan 3 return date after winter break
    - expectations to set for behavior, notes, planners during achievement hour
  - 3. Testing days in the spring
    - a. attempt to minimize the number of days in block schedule for testing
    - will look at alternative schedules: longer 1st hour and then rest of classes will still happen on this type of schedule
  - 4. Grades
    - a. once they are submitted and finalized with make ups, honor roll will be sent out

## **Certified Staff Report:**

NA

#### **Support Staff Report:**

- Debi Short
  - o registration for 6-8 is wrapping up
  - 9-10 registration beginning, will finish in January for 9-11
  - 1:1 meetings completed for first semester, any missed will be caught up in January
  - 7th grade finalize in January
  - question about requests for next year knowing if they will be able to take AP next year based on performance this year without midterm results posted yet, can students modify their request after the break
    - yes, circumstances taken into consideration
  - o Dual enrollment for English, not an option for some
    - will work on the glitches but should be AP English/Lang
    - combine with dual enrollment so that they can get college and community college credit with the AP and dual enrollment

## Student Council Report:

NA

#### Old Business:

- Bond Election Brainstorming
  - How can we engage the community when this comes up again to vote and positive
    - Eastmark community lost 45-55
    - November 2022 will be the next time to vote, part of general election
  - What community events can we attend or have to weave in promoting the bond
    - Stephanie Madden events person in Eastmark
      - April, have a booth in the event
      - back to school night
      - leadership classes, have someone come to present to them
    - Movie at the park to bring people in
      - clubs could host booths
      - pictures of vision of what bond goes toward for the community and school could bring in votes for parents of younger students
    - QCPAC shows
      - can we use this as a way to communicate the bond
    - HOA
      - community facebook page to get the word out
    - Elementary school
      - fall festivals
    - Influential people in community or school
      - yes for the bond sound bites/video clips

- Mark Powell
- QC education foundation
- Cadence newsletter
  - Lucy Mackuse (lifestyle director) <a href="mailto:cadence@ccmcnet.com">cadence@ccmcnet.com</a>
- Eastmark Farmer's Market
  - every other Saturday
- Reach out to the elementary parents to support the future use of the impact of the bond when their kids are older
- Choir, band performances
- Encore community information to their community center about the benefits
- Charter families with benefits of the performing arts center and pool options
  - growing programs in these facilities

#### **New Business:**

- Fentanyl Information
  - Presentation
    - school had presentation bringing awareness
    - drug that is taking lives of students, more than 2000 in 2020
    - fake pills out there, help kids understand not to take things they are given from others
    - counterfeit pills are laced with lots of substances
      - M30 on the pill
      - M367 on the pill
      - 80CON on the pill
      - looks like xanax
    - kids are getting arrested for being an accomplice to someone else's overdose
    - website has a story about a boy in Bullhead City
      - Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona
      - Arizona HIDTA eresources: videos, stories
    - prescription opioid for treating pain with cancer
      - pill or liquid
    - 50-100 times more powerful than morphine
    - can be in powder form as well as synthetic
    - small mounts can kills someone
    - 5 million counterfeit pill seizures
    - obtaining pills
      - Snapchat
      - social media
      - texting
      - sharing between people
    - Newsletter has information
    - use due to stress, curiosity, dependence
    - use strategies to prevent kids from making choices to take these

- talk with them about where they are what they are doing and making good choices
- establish a rescue plan if they find themselves in a situation
- set limits on social media, know passwords
- narcan all 1st responders carry this to counter opioid use
- Mesa is high on the list for overdoses
- QC is also high for overdoses
- Cyberbullying: Instagram
  - PSA EHS bad hair, etc.
    - need to keep school safe from harassment and shaming
    - come forward anonymously if they have information
- Upcoming Assembly: Kevin Atlas guest speaker
  - January 21st
  - o Believe in You message of hope
  - o born with 1 arm and is a division 1 basketball player with one arm
  - HS to attend live assembly
  - JH feed into classrooms due to space

#### Call to Public:

- Internships
  - Engineering Internship Class
    - meeting offline
  - Fall of Junior year possibility
  - Giving resources for the internship
  - 4 hour internship
  - o part of senior project in the fall semester

#### **Notes**

#### **Action Items**

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Next meeting will be: January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at: 7:09pm