

AGENDA FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Lost Mountain Middle School Council

May 24, 2019

1. Call to Order by Dr. Jordan
2. Approval of Agenda- approval of agenda moved Laurie Paul and approved Heather Holder
3. Approval of Minutes-moved by Heather Holder and seconded by Dr. Nyeste
 - a. Reading of minutes Reading of the minutes by Michelle Thrash
4. Report of the Principal
 - a. Children got homes safely, teachers are finishing up
 - b. New Leadership foundation-strong advocate for building leaders within the building; build teachers and build their strengths in leadership. The purpose in changing the leadership roles it to give strong teacher leaders that opportunity to gain experience in those roles; Administrators will be able to be in the classroom more;
 - c. Building CCCs- goal is to strengthen the CCC – RTI, retention, etc. will be more stream lined. This time will be used more efficiently to use data for student growth.
 - d. Data Dig during pre-planning to identify what interventions are needed in ELA, Reading and Math; goal is to identify students that need interventions and begin the process for then to be put in RTI.

Ways to reduce stress on students/teachers (conversation from last meeting continued):

- a. LMMS Foundation is creating a patio area outside of the Learning Commons that will be utilized for lunch area, classroom area. Thinking about using this space as a reward for students (need to get parent volunteers to help monitor this).
- b. Eagle Scouts updated and cleaned up the outdoor classroom; looking to use this as a space next year.
- c. Increasing the duty-free lunch to twice a month for teachers for a brain break.
- d. Capturing Kids Hearts-This is a program that a school in Paulding has purchased and Cobb Horizon uses where it helps teachers learn strategies and skills to deal with children that may be different than other students that they have been teacher; helps build bridges between students and teachers. Looking into starting this (introducing) this upcoming school year.
- e. “Wait to 8th” program to introduce to parents and students to wait until 8th grade for cell phones – trying to take away the stress from students to not have so much stress from social media.
- f. Cell Phone Policy for 2019-2020: new cell phone policy where students will leave their phones in the locker for the day (phones are not needed); this was introduced

at the Rising 6th Grade Parent Night; would like to use this as a Hot Topic next school year; need to find a way to educate parents on how properly socialize and use a cell phone appropriately. We feel that this is something that students need to learn because we are lacking.

- g. Feel like students need more of a “real world life skills”; we will be implementing **Reality U** in 8th grade this upcoming school year.

5. New Business Topics

- a. Prioritization of Brainstorming Ideas/Suggestions

- i. Continue the discussion on what is causing stress on students

- 1. Question-has a survey been created to ask students what is causing all the stress in their lives? Answer-no survey has been created, but student data was collected based on the visits to counselors; the problem is that homework is causing student stress, but parents are demanding rigorous and challenging classes.
 - 2. Test Schedule was a stressor for students due to the length and consistent change of schedules; there was more discipline issues (silly issues)-behavior changes in the students, the constant schedule change was hard for many students
 - 3. The stress levels are multi-faceted-trying to come up with away to support; needs assessment for students to determine their stressors (this will be completed in class and led by counselors).

- b. Subcommittee Designations/Timelines of Brainstorming Suggestions and Ideas

- i. SSP will developed based on data-date TBD

6. Added Item: Counseling Department Data

- a. Valerie Wombles presented counseling data for the year.

7. Adjournment: moved by Dr. Nyeste seconded by Michelle Thrash