

Performance Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

Attendees: Albert Cousins, Tom Burnell, Steven Jenkins, Mark Fleischhauer, Sheldon Tieder, Jackie Raccuia

The following items were discussed at this month's committee meeting:

1. Curriculum/Instruction
2. Facilities
3. Finance

Discussion

1. Curriculum:
 - a. Naviance

The new Naviance Program is currently being used in the College and Careers courses and by the high school guidance counselors. The students are utilizing the career exploration and college exploration features. The district is working to integrate the Naviance program into the curriculum to maximize usage. The program potentially will be built into the 9th grade health class.

- b. Remote PE

The committee was investigating student participation in remote PE at the elementary and high school level as well as if the district is meeting the state requirements through the remote modules.

At Chancellor Elementary School, parents are helping the students participate in gym activities that have been provided by the PE teachers. At the high school, 20% of students were not participating in remote PE at the onset of school; currently there are approximately 10% of students who are not actively participating. PE is a graduation requirement. Those students who do not receive credit for PE due to non-compliance will be required to complete those credits before graduation.

The weekly PE modules and monitoring do meet the NYS requirements.

- c. Remote Learning Model

The administrators have been working with the staff to determine a fully remote model in the event the district will be required to convert to a short term (1-2 day) closure or a longer closure. At the secondary level, current remote students will be assigned to a color cohort. All students will continue their current schedule in a remote synchronous model. Each yellow/purple cohort will also be attending the grey (remote) cohort classes at the afternoon.

At the elementary level, the administrators are working with staff to determine an appropriate synchronous remote schedule. The remote plan will mimic the in-person schedule with a strong emphasis on literacy and mathematics.

2. Facilities

a. Capital Project

Tom Burnell provided information regarding the projected amount of monies remaining at the termination of the capital project. Tom will be meeting with Tom for the Palombo Group to determine the capital projects final expenditures.

Sheldon Tieder briefed the committee on the alternative repair/replacement projects that were not included in the initial project. There are numerous items that need repair and replacement including replacing floor tiles in the high school, replacing the side entrance door at the high school, repairing and replacing the basement windows at the high school, replacing the exterior doors at Chancellor, repairing and lining the chimney, replacing the ceiling tiles in the CLS classrooms, replacing the BMS gym doors, replacing the BMS hallway carpet.

Albert Cousins suggested a lounge/flexible seating site and charging stations or potentially some work/study spaces for students to accompany the 1-1 model. Although this may not fall within the scope of the capital project, Principals will be consulted and Sheldon will investigate the feasibility of creating these spaces within the high school for the students that will not be included in the capital project.

3. Finance

- a. State Aid Update
- b. Budget Transfers
- c. Negotiations

Tom Burnell updated the committee on the district finances. State Aid received in October and November received 100% reimbursement. State aid for September was at 80%. There has not been clear information regarding state aid.

Tom Burnell discussed the various budget line items that were over budget and those that are in excess. Transfer between specific line items will occur to balance the budget. The district has grant monies that need to be applied.

The district will begin negotiations with the bargaining units.

Recommendations:

The committee will request a presentation of the Naviance program to learn of its capabilities and how it is being used at each grade level.

The committee is requesting feedback from the high school students regarding the remote PE program.

The committee is recommending the following projects with the remaining money from the capital project:

Repair and provide a liner for the chimney

Replace the side doors at the high school near the BMS cafeteria

Repair and replace basement windows.

Next Steps

Tom Burnell will meet with the Palombo Group to determine the exact amount of excess money from the capital project.

Sheldon Tieder will obtain estimates for the repairs/replacement of the items listed as priority items by the committee members.

A priority list of additional items that may need replacement or repair will be created.

David Shaw will be contacted to inform the board members of the current negotiation trends.

Tom will provide a presentation of the fund balance projections at a December Board of Education meeting.

The board will create ad-hoc negotiation committees to assist in collective bargaining.

Next meeting: December 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Jacqueline Raccuia

