

MINUTES

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2022

AMY RICHARDS & ANDY FAUGHT, CO-CHAIRS

Members in Attendance: Amy Richards, Andy Faught, Chris Reynolds, Allison Wootson, Clay Thompson, Melissa Burton, Toni Fitzgerald

Staff in Attendance: Marsha Edwards, Chris Reynolds, Deirdra Smith, Jim Leckrone, Jessica Talbot

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

Marsha Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced newest council member, Clay Thompson, to the group.

School Updates

Chris Reynolds

Enrollment in both schools is down somewhat significantly, but the increase in BEP this year has more than made up for the gap in funding.

Testing data: both schools have participated in testing to indicate projected proficiency for end of year state testing.

Explore ELA Scores:

2020-2021 15% proficiency

Projected 2022- 16-23%

Explore Math Scores:

2020-2021 8% proficiency

2022- 14-21% proficiency

It should be noted that much of the struggle for students last year in the state was most acutely felt by students in Davidson and Shelby counties which were confined to remote school the entire academic year.

Deirdra noted that the 5th/6th grades are struggling the most and have not seen as much growth as they would have wanted to see.

EEP Scores:

ELA 2020-2021 18%

ELA 2022 projected- 16-24%

Math 2020-2021 12%

Math 2022 projected 8-14%

Jim noted that “virtual crushed kids last year”. He anticipates continued improvement and possibly higher passage rate by end of year.

Marsha asked Deirdra if a summer 'Boot Camp', 4-week session could be helpful. Deirdra said assuming funding, that would be very helpful.

Chris also showed graph of "competitor" neighborhood schools which indicated generally that there are very few high performing schools in our district.

Andy then announced that Jay Ferguson, our former finance chair, had rolled off the Council and therefore a new finance chairman was needed. Andy nominated Clay Thompson; Clay left the Zoom meeting so that the board could privately vote.

Amy Richards moved to have Clay Thompson take position as Finance Chair; Melissa Burton seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Amy then notified the board that Shan Foster had given notice that he would like to roll off the Council due to other time commitments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm