Edgren Middle High School SAC Meeting Minutes February 12th, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: 1543

Members in Attendance:

Mr Cobb, Ms Tremarco, Dr Tucker, Mr Riddle, Ms Smith, Ms Dove, Ms Davidson

- 1. Review and Approve Old Minutes:
 - Updated to reflect MTSS has improved and addresses the whole child, trying to solve disciplinary problems at school before escalating to home
 - IC open before school for cold weather
 - Booster club is for everyone, not just sports
 - We can stream for sports as wifi supports
 - Announcements are available on student's chromebooks and in the IC, as well as posted around the school and on the newsletter
 - The SAC needs a replacement secretary

2. Reports:

- Chair/Mr Riddle: Q1+2 went well and Far East for winter sports, marksmanship, culinary and drama were a success, with good Edgren showing all around. Capt Hockran asked if the school could look at Q2 grade release dates next year, as grades came out only one day before they were needed for some college applications.
- Principal/Mr Cobb:
 - i. All is well. February 27th will be a 7 period day for course selection. A committee is reworking the master schedule ahead of this day. The goal is for electives to be like a fair where students can try out different activities and interests in order to pick their classes for next year. The teachers will also post videos of each class for students who cannot attend/are new next year. Ms Davidson asked if parents could get an extra copy of graduation requirements ahead of the day to discuss options with students.
 - ii. March 11 is College Fair day headed by Sledge and Chapman.
 - iii. New Hires: Ms Hodges has started as our new nurse. Ms. Ozeki has been hired at the automation clerk in the front office.
 - iv. Losing Positions: We will lose two teaching slots next year, one for math and one for ELA, due to the new student census. We will also lost our Art teacher (retirement) and math (PCS). Mr Cobb would like to hire those positions locally if possible.
 - v. Bldg 741 is open and a great new place for our robotics and engineering department.

- vi. The district is considering opening Misawa schools two weeks or one week later in order to flex for the lack of reliable AC in the schools. Mr Cobb shared that we have flexibility to accept, reject, or try and then reject this idea. Overall, the members and attendees of the SAC did not like this proposal. Consensus was to work through other solutions before accepting movement. Ideas shared were to have preplanned virtual lessons to count towards days in school, recoup Tuesday short days toward days in school, and to pursue other technical help in continuing the "Oasis" project started by Misawa CE.
- vii. EO's: Mr Cobb shared the while the EO's issued in January/February have caused many changes, we must follow guidance. Teachers and admin are restrained from sharing their personal opinion and are reminded that guidance is changing often. Ms Davidson asked if we could request more notice from district admin before changes are put in place (for example, sending out the letter before the books were pulled for review). Mr Cobb said he would ask Dr Ferguson. Mr Cobb also shared teachers have been great at navigating the tumult.

3. Old Business:

- Two new hired positions (Closed): nurse and front office clerk
- Sports Travel (Open): There in a union joint commission looking into the difficulty travel times add to staff. Ms Davidson shared that Dr Ferguson had told her there is room for students to leave earlier in the day so as not to be traveling at midnight. Reasons brought up against this idea were that students wouldn't have a lot to do during school the next morning and that coaches would need another half day substitute. General consensus was that substitutes and finding things to do would not be difficult. Ideas proposed were allowing athletes space at the teen or youth center during the morning, or having pre-approved local trips for athletes to attend. The group was reminded this is not the time for every sport; some sports leave at 5am which would be acceptable. Mr Riddle proposed to escalate these issues up to the PEDAC, along with two related issues:
 - i. Ms Dove shared her son had to leave a wrestling tournament early and was forced to forfeit in order to meet travel time requirements. This was met with dismay. Mr Cobb shared they had asked district to be able to stay longer but the request was denied.
 - ii. Dr Tucker brought up that cheer travel has also been restricted, and that while basketball was able to attend a Kanto Plains tournament, XC was not.

4. New Business:

- Megan Davidson was voted in as secretary (Closed)
- Executive Orders: (discussed previously) (Open)
- Staffing: (discussed previously) (Closed)
- Course Selection Process: will take place on February 27th (Closed)

• Two week delay (discussed previously) (Open)

5. Open Forum:

- Ms Redmonds (parent) asked if student council nominations could be moved into the fall instead of the spring. Her students have asked to be on the council but the council supervisor has not replied, even though there are empty positions. Ms Smith replied that since homecoming is early in the year student council positions must be filled so the planning can start in the summer. Mr Cobb agreed to ask why the positions haven't been filled.
- Ms Redmonds also asked if more info for how to contact a counselor could be posted around the school. Dr Tucker said they were working on QR codes to post in places around the school and that the link was in the counseling google classroom.
- Ms Davidson asked to address re-enrollment efforts ahead of the PCS season in order to keep our student count accurate. SAC agreed to discuss next time.

Meeting Closed at 1649 Next Meeting May 14th