

HSA Meeting 10/7/2020

Agenda:

Principal's report

Presentation from prevention specialists - Sarah Brooks and Michelle Cello

Approximately 27 participants

Opening remarks from Maria Dennin, President

Principal's report – Mr. Mulvey

- Update on how the school is getting ready for kids to return
- looking at every piece of movement in and out of the building (Traveling to classrooms, bathroom, outside, etc.) and working on reentry plan to keep students and staff safe
- an email will be coming out soon with the plan
- the kids will have recess for the first time this year
- the plan will talk about masks, cleaning, etc.
- the whole staff will be reviewing the plan before it goes out
- there will likely be an FAQ page on the website (there is already one on the DASD website)
- the Board is voting on the plan tonight

Presentation from Prevention specialists (Ms. Cello and Ms. Brooks)

- Michelle Cello - prevention specialist at Marsh Creek
- she works with the kids on all 8 teams
- might work with children struggling with the following, for example: depression, anxiety, grief and loss, family changes, poor attendance, suicidal thoughts
- see attached presentation
- Works on crisis response - suicidal risk screening or referral
- If a student experiences a crisis, she helps to facilitate transition back to school - follows up and communicates with outside providers if applicable
- she also coordinates the Student Assistance Program - takes referrals and meets with SAS team (teachers, counselors, etc.) and provides ongoing consultation to them as they work to support the student
- parents can contact Michelle Cello or the counselor with any concerns
- can make referrals to outside community supports (mental health, drug and alcohol, child welfare, grief and loss, etc.)
- runs small groups
- there will be an upcoming session on trauma
- PAYS survey is a confidential survey where students are asked to reflect and report on things like mental health, learning environment, drugs and alcohol, connections - that information feeds into the type of programs that are put together

Home and School Report: Maria Dennin, President

- looking at opportunities that could be coming up soon
- all teachers and support staff were given a \$10 gift card to Amazon

Fundraising

- need to think more broadly about things that will support the school in the long term
- magazine drive will kick off when school starts back and includes incentives for the kids
- Amazon smile is an option
- hoping to schedule some dining out options
- fundraising will be used for continuing support for school and teachers for when they go back to school
- Spirit wear - a lot of orders came through which was a fundraiser for the school
- there is still a lot of spirit wear that needs to be picked up at the school
- there will be more times to pick up spirit wear
- There are car magnets in the office available for sale - HSA can talk about how to make these available
- All of the fundraising events are optional -people can make a donation to the school in lieu of participating as well

If anyone has ideas for connections committees, please email HSA.