



SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Machelles Nowlin, William Marvin Bass Elementary School; Ayonna Harris, E. C. Glass High School; Susan Neiss, Heritage Elementary School; Stephanie Wooten, Heritage High School; CoLinda Spanski, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for Innovation; Katie Lee, Carl B. Hutcherson Building; Jessica Korby, Heritage Elementary School; Brentz East, Bedford Hills Elementary School; Keeley Tuggle, Linkhorne Elementary School; Stacey Felmlee, Linkhorne Middle School, Scott Brabrand, Superintendent; Wendie Sullivan, Recording Secretary

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council met at 7:09 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Administration Building. Dr. Brabrand opened the meeting.

- At its meeting on January 24, 2017, the school board approved a budget in the amount of \$3,735,766 to be sent to city council for consideration. This budget includes \$2.2 million in mandated costs associated with VRS, insurance, and special education services and support. It also includes the addition of a position for the Department of Engagement, Equity, and Opportunity, and the addition of a one percent increase in compensation for all employees.
- Dr. Brabrand provided information about the capital improvement plan to be presented to city council. The plan includes renovations for Paul Munro Elementary School, Sandusky Elementary School, and Linkhorne Elementary School. It also allows for a gymnasium to be built for all elementary schools that do not currently have one.
- Dr. Brabrand provided information about changes to the school division's volunteer policy that is currently being discussed by the Equity Task Force. The current policy does not allow individuals who have felonies to volunteer in our schools. Discussions surround changes that might allow those individuals, under certain conditions, to be school volunteers.
- Dr. Brabrand asked committee members to provide input about the current school registration process. Some parents were not happy with the process and indicated that the online process is not user friendly. New parents to the school division do not have enough information about Parent Portal/Infinite Campus or how to sign up for it. Parents expressed a desire to have the volunteer application linked to the online registration process.

- Ted Dintersmith, author of the book and executive producer of the documentary, *Most Likely to Succeed*, will be at Heritage High School on March 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. to talk about new trends in education and his vision of what our schools could be in the future. A free screening of the documentary can be viewed on March 13, 2017, in the Forum at Heritage High School beginning at 7:p.m.

There were several questions and items raised by committee members that were school specific. Dr. Brabrand intends to speak with members of the school administration and provide information to individual members about those items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Board Room, School Administration Building