

Principal's Advisory Team

Agenda / Minutes

1.8.15

The following info is verbatim from the students:

1. Successes:

- Thanks for letting us take the Chromebooks during Christmas break for 7th grade.. Now some students can do assignments at their own pace and work ahead. When we get done with that, we can do the end of the year project or something else that we choose to.
- We are so glad that Ms. Burnett is back. Ms. Spencer was a good sub too.
- Car rider line - staff is doing better at being loud. You can actually understand what they are saying.
- I like walking in the gym. We are working on heart rates - to get them up. It's more organized, and takes less time so we can do the games. We are in single file. We sit down and then get called up by rows. It's more organized. Kids who get to be the leaders used to be the same person all the time. Now all kids have a chance.
- I hear we are getting a tv for the gym so we can take quizzes off it. Excited about the tv but not the assessments.
- Bathrooms are more organized and not as crowded. Mr. Bridges and Mrs. Burke stands at the door and helps it not be so crowded and helps students not be tardy.
- In the gym in the mornings, some of the teachers are dismissing us early, so we are not tardy. Now they are dismissing us a group at a time. We like that because we are not tardy to class.
- The bus loads in the cafeteria are much more quiet. No one is having to sign their name.
- In some classes we are using the Chromebooks. We did an assessment type thing in Mrs. Fort's class. We did a slide with a partner, and that was fun.
- Science vocab with Mrs. Engle is fun. We get to write a song with our vocab words.
- I liked how Michael Quillman visited from the Air Force Academy. That was neat!
- We like how Coach George yells out to everyone about first bus. He tells us to put our lanyard up if we still have it on. That's a good reminder.

2. Areas of Improvement:

- 5th grade students are in a line while 6th grade is coming back to class.

3. MAPS:

- Had trouble with wifi. Four people at a time were put on at a time. It became a slow process.
- MAPS kept asking questions about Geometry. I haven't been taught
- I don't like how others say their scores out loud. It makes those that didn't do well feel bad. I feel bad for those that finish early.
- We need to work on celebrations for those who made their goal. For example, if they met their goal, they should have an extra recess for an entire class period - one grade at a time. However, some students want to just hang out inside and just read. It is not a punishment. For those that do not meet their goal, they carry on with school - not as a strict punishment. Staff could take students out while they carried on with class.
- Reading passages are long and we can't get that portion completed in one setting. Breaking it up in two days is hard because we have a break that we have to come back to.
- Mrs. McNeely goes over a lot of literature (parts of a letter) that helped us on the MAPS.
- At the end page of the test it tells you a lot of different numbers that tells you where your weaknesses are. What if we had a form that we filled out after we complete the Maps assessment? We could even write about why we didn't meet our goal.

4. Name Badges:

- I like them a lot better because I don't have to type in all those numbers in the library and cafeteria so much.
- I feel so naked if I don't have it on.
- Some students wear them hanging out of their pockets. Some students' lanyards are chewed on and even torn in half.
- If you were given opportunity to order them for next year, would you order them for next year. Students said, "Yes!" 5th graders need them the most because it would help them. It helps new students know who you are.

5. Mission / Vision / Beliefs:

- Shared w students and explained. School Board will need to approve

6. Other Business:

- Desks need to be moved up in 7th grade. Our knees hit the bottom of the desk. If we could just have a few raised in each class, that would be great.
- Too many students are wearing shorts. They wear them just to look cool. They are either shaking because they are too cold, or they run to the gym to get out of the cold.
- My lock is hard to unlock. Someone colored mine with a black marker. They are tricky.

8. Words of Encouragement for Students and Staff:

- Just hang in there for five more years.
- Keep trying, because it matters.
- Every action you have has its consequence.
- Good grades; good money.