

## SAC Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022

### Welcome

Joseph Keys, NHS SAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was made; it carried, and was approved.

### Members Present

Mr. James Sheppard, Dr. Melissa Mauldin, Mrs. Angela Walker, Mr. Joseph Keys, Ms. Susan Steele, Ms. Melissa Hawthorne, Mrs. Natalie Strappy, and Mrs. Linda Woodcock.

### Principal's Comments

- 🍌 Mr. Sheppard started out with a huge Thank You to ALL. NHS has a graduation rate of 97.7% this year. We are still the highest in the district.
- 🍌 NHS Covid Update: January hit hard for all of us. NHS had a total of 20 staff members out, including both admin and many front office. We had Paraprofessionals covering many of these classes. We want to give a HUGE thank you to all staff that have stepped up and helped continue instructional time during this surge. We are concerned that there may be another surge after spring break.
- 🍌 Graduation is still set to be at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

### Individual Concerns & Comments

- 🍌 Ms. Hawthorne expressed concerns about creating a safer school environment and the roles that SRD play in our school after an incident that occurred on campus. She expressed concerns of prior knowledge of searches and disruption of classes and instructional learning times. She expressed concerns of moral on campus regarding the use of our SRDs.
  - Mr. Sheppard acknowledged Ms. Hawthorne's' concerns but stressed the importance of having visibility throughout the school with relationships with our SRDs. He also explained that just as we are mandated to do safety drills, there are also searches that are both permitted and mandated as part of our overall school safety.
  - Mr. Keys stated that he understands the importance of searches being unannounced as it pertains to overall effectiveness.
  - Mrs. Strappy expressed her support of having SRDs on school campus as a comfort level of protection. Her only concern was that the searches remain equitable.
  - Dr. Mauldin expressed that SRDs are important to build positive relationships with students and being another source of trusted adults to have on campus.
  - Ms. Hawthorne expresses her concerns that we change the responsibilities of SRDs and the role they play on campus and rely more on our deans.

- Mr. Sheppard addressed that all concerns should be heard and it is definitely worth a conversation. Please always come forward with any concerns so that we can start a conversation about them and address any issues that arise.
- It was suggested that we set up some healthy discussions with students, staff, and SRD. Possibly do some classroom talks with SRD as a guest speaker in classroom setting. Schedule an open discussion talk with SRD, admin, deans, and Ms. Hawthorne, or any other teacher or staff that wants to express concerns.
- 🍷 Mr. Sheppard informed the group that the Basketball Girls and Boys were playing in the playoffs. FFA is competing in a meats competition. Cheer is headed to Nationals. It is going to be a busy next few weeks NHS.
- 🍷 Mr. Sheppard – Thank you for all you are doing. Keep up the hard work and please continue to give community input and support.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m. Our next meeting will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.