The Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee of Community High School District 99 met at 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at South High School.

The following were present: Nancy Kupka, Board President; Scott Wuggazer; Assistant Superintendent for Special Services; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were 39 attendees. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting

Scott Wuggazer welcomed those in attendance and provided a brief overview of the agenda. Staff members introduced themselves.

2. Presentations

Karen Taylor, South High Associate Principal, provided a brief history of Senate Bill 100 (SB100), the changes required by it, and the rationale for those changes. She stated one of the main focuses of the Bill was to keep students in school and reduce the number of out of school suspensions.

Kelly Zuerner, North High Associate Principal, shared that many of the practices mandated by SB100 were in place in District 99 prior to the Bill being passed. She then reviewed North High discipline trends in 2016 and 2017, including out of school and in school suspension days and number and type of offenses. Ms. Zuerner stated one of the advantages of in school suspensions is students can receive interventions during the suspension.

Bryan Heap, South High Dean, reviewed the same discipline trends for South High. He stated students are only excluded from class when they are disruptive or a danger to themselves or others.

Kristina Conrad, South High Special Education Teacher, provided discipline trends on students who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). She noted the number of A type offenses and the number of in school and out of school suspension days decreased between 2016 and 2017, and the number of B type offenses had only increased slightly in this population.

Mr. Wuggazer stated that 95% of all students have no discipline referrals.

Jon Lyerly, North High School Resource Officer (SRO), stated the main purpose of the SRO is to maintain a safe environment for students and staff. Mr. Lyerly noted that in some cases an offense may not only have school consequences, but may also have police consequences.

Scott Buzecky, South High SRO, reviewed the police consequences, which range from conferences with the parents and students to arrest of the student.

Diana Benoist, South High Student Assistance Coordinator, reviewed the variety of support systems in place for students and available to students, which begin with articulation with the District's partner

schools before students start high school. She also gave an overview of the different staff member roles that provide the supports.

Mr. Wuggazer shared information on an Early Identification Process developed by the District, that pulls data from the District's information system, to identify students that have an identified number of areas where they are struggling. He stated students are offered interventions and supports based on their needs; the progress of the student is monitored; and if required, additional steps are taken to support the student.

Scott Wuggazer announced that on May 23, South High, and on May 24, North High, have scheduled parent meetings to review and discuss interventions and resources available in the schools that support the social and emotional needs of District 99 students.

Dale Pacourek, South High Mustang Way Internal Coach, stated the goal of Mustang Way and Positively North is to support the social and emotional health of the students. She shared the focus of the program is for students to be Respectful, Responsible and Engaged. Ms. Pacourek gave a brief overview of the history of the program and stated it has become part of the school culture.

Jaime Trent, South High Mustang Way Internal Coach, shared information on the weekly acknowledgements students may receive. She stated students are surveyed about Mustang Way and Positively North to learn which aspects of the program are effective and those that need improvement.

3. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

The attendees divided into small groups, facilitated by a District 99 staff member, to provide feedback, ask questions, and offer suggestions based on the information presented.

4. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Wuggazer thanked the parents for attending and the staff for presenting. He stated he would send a Google form to those in attendance in the event they wished to provide additional comments, suggestions or feedback.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.	
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