

TOWN HALL MEETING

05-24-18 In: 6:37 Out: 8:43

Super Wendt	Sent copy of Continuous Improvement Plan for discussion
Mrs. Guthrie	Topic: School discipline
Mrs. King	Acknowledged strong group of teachers and there are many good things going on. Need to review Harbor fundamentals/more structure/consistency/pro-active. Those joining school need to know what is expected. Create list of things to be done by families regarding attendance, daily homework, and respectful children. Need to train parents
Chairman Taylor	Creation of page of expectations for teachers to give parents with Handbook
Mrs. Shenton	Suggested checklist be given during Superintendent's interview for students 7 th grade and up.
Mrs. Newell	Teach handbook in high school
Mrs. Guthrie	Have mandatory kindergarten night for teachers
Member Radford	Have Back-to-School Night for K-12
Mrs. Larsen	Likes the idea of one page sheet of instructions. Keep it simple
Mrs. King	Once in class, teachers do their best to educate. Expectations given regarding standards. Special needs students struggle to know that they need to work hard.
Mrs. Kolsen	Videos are a good idea for Harbor. Suggested mandatory monthly meetings for special needs students' parents. Feels there is a lack of communication with newer teachers and parents regarding Harbor
Mrs. Newell	Should be an entrance criteria. IEP special needs students need to work harder. Some don't think they need to try. Those with less capacity need to work harder. This gets lost. Expectations help.
Member Radford	Discussed teaching to the high. Recognize that different students have different highs. Students should have strong foundations even if they are not in highest categories. Reiterated direct instruction boards.
Mrs. Kolsen	Encouraged getting parents to come to school to learn expectations
Mrs. Guthrie	Suggested mandatory monthly meeting for any "new" family to school. It's one more way to communicate
Mrs. King	Wants parents to see the really good things that are happening in the school. Discussed Google School. It opens door to communicate with parents. Three parts to school: 1) Harbor 2) parent 3) teacher. Make sure parents know homework is relevant to passing tests.
Mrs. Rice	Email is great way to contact parents and communicate
Chair Taylor	What is the preferred way to communicate with parents
Mrs. Larsen	6 th Grade does weekly email to students. Also stated Board is appreciated.
Mrs. Kolsen	Discussed short promo videos that could be used to train Harbor method
Chair Taylor	Board looking into professional video maker
Mrs. King	Donuts with Dan time is a good opportunity for conversation with parents. Would not be as threatening as a one-on-one with teachers. Donuts with Dan could use remediation in high school
Mrs. Larsen	Suggested a homework club on Fridays
Mrs. Shenton	Suggested a tutoring program after school
Mrs. Larsen	Suggested after school activities. Specific requests for parents to attend Parent Teacher Conferences to increase attendance. Texting may be better than email. Instruction during registration didn't work well. Perhaps do prior to being able to register.

Secretary Rice	Board could help with Harbor in middle and high school
Mrs. Larsen	Discussed 40 cards. She has heard stories of peers in older classes using 40 cards. Suggested having students write stories (as with respect).
Mrs. Guthrie	Also discussed 40 cards. Situation presentation in elementary school made it easier to teach 40 cards. Character development is never wasted time
Mrs. King	Parents need support. Help parents know what they can do at home. Parents need to know students may need help with assignments. It may create common ground for them to talk with their teenagers.
Mrs. Priest	Believes Dean of School and/or school counselor would help students who are in crises mode. With small classes, the gossip is bad.
Mrs. King	They could also help with student discipline. The counselor would help with career guidance, be an intermediary for students, and be another ear.
Treasurer Capener	Asked if parents know what to do. Classes K-6 offers more than other schools and the parents see it. In classes 7-12, parents are looking for something different, they don't know what their role is. Students need a safe place to discuss emotions.
Mrs. Newell	Some students don't want to learn. They use spell check, google, eat fast food (no cooking). All this undermines self-esteem. Students are not getting successes. Students need help with social media.
Mrs. Christensen	Teachers can help what happens when students come through the doors. They can't help or change what happens in homes. Harbor is creates a place where students can feel safe. Everyone needs help with that and everyone needs to follow all the rules.
Mrs. Campbell	High school needs rewards; they need something to look forward to.
Mrs. Toop	High school doesn't have 40 cards. Students' home base would own 7-12. Use counselor/dean of students
Treasurer Capener	Suggested improving parents' involvement with Harbor. Give constant positive feedbacks, stick to foundation.
Member Radford	We need positive instruction with students and positive instruction with parents.
Mrs. Guthrie	Harbor needs consistency. Teachers need to teach. Someone else should handle discipline. Students should not slip through the cracks.
Treasurer Capener	Parents need feedback
Mrs. Guthrie	Policies are in place and need to be used.
Mrs. Toop	Students need to be the ones to call parents when there's a problem.
Mrs. Larsen	Saturday school for make-up of assignments should have parents required to come with students. Character development should be used. Suggested a one page sheet of expectations for parents' involvement with school.
Mrs. Shenton Mrs. King Mrs. Guthrie	Expressed appreciation for the Board. There will be a June 4 th meeting for High School and Junior High. Discussions will be held on Harbor for consistent behavior, creating a manual for the high school to be given to new teachers. A suggestion was made to have another Harbor school visit to share ideas and successes.
Mrs. Shenton	Discussed reflection cards and suggested it as a discussion item.
Mrs. Kolson	Is hopeful about making changes
Chair J. Taylor	Discussed communication with Board. Feedback could come through a Town Hall forum. Forums need to be by the law. It will take more meetings, surveys, perhaps a suggestion box. Solutions also need to be presented as does opportunity proposals...
Mrs. Guthrie	Discussed the ad for a school counselor
Chair J. Taylor	Town Halls may be held quarterly. Consider August.

Summary	Action Item suggestions from Town Hall: 1) one page expectations for school (or video) for parents. 2) HS addendum (Newell and Kolson head up). 3) Return with honor.
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