

District Advisory Team

Date: January 17, 2019

Location: 411 N. Gibson St.

- I. Shelle Blaylock, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Academics welcomed everyone and asked for good things happening in WISD to be shared. Band, Music Theater, Ination, and the district partnership opportunities with SAGU were mentioned.
- II. The minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting were presented. Derek Zandt made a motion to approve. Dian Tuohy seconded. Motion carried.
- III. District Updates:
 - Information on Elementary #9, being built in the North Grove Development, being built between FM 813 & North Hwy. 77, was presented. Approximately 11.8 acres of land was donated to the district. The campus will have a capacity of 650 students. Ground breaking will be in March 2019.
 - An update on the superintendent search was given. The search team met with school board members individually and as a group. February 4-5, 2019, has been tentatively set for community group meetings. Following that, recruiting will begin.
 - The team was advised that a Board Policy review will occur in June. This is something that is done every few years to check for policy overlaps and/or missing policies.
 - Ken Lynch, Global High principal, spoke on the new Academies to be offered at GHS. The new Health Sciences teacher has been hired and the applications for the Health Sciences program are running “neck & neck” with the Engineering program. Due to the small interest in the Business program, it has been decided to delay the launch of that Academy. Following a survey of current junior high students, extra-curricular options are being discussed. A theater arts option is very feasible, as a current GHS English teacher, who also taught theater at the college level, has shown interest in taking this on. UIL One Act Play could be a possibility for the campus.
Mr. Lynch spoke to the recruiting effort for new Global students. Letters have been sent to all junior high students answering the survey as “undecided” about attending GHS. The application to attend GHS has opened early and 86 have already been submitted.
- IV. District Presentations
 - Mrs. Blaylock presented the 2017-18 Texas Academic Performance Report. (TAPR) The report is available on the WISD website.
 - The team was asked for input as to the UIL Exempt No Pass No Play Courses Failing Grade Policy. The district can and does choose to exempt certain advanced level classes from No Pass No Play, but can institute a minimum grade requirement.
 - Drafts of 2019-2020 academic calendars were distributed and members were asked to review and email questions or concerns before any drafts were presented to employees.

The meeting adjourned.

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