

CUSD#7 Parent-Advisory Committee Meeting

September 25, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Ben-Gil Elementary School

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Review of District Disciplinary Policy
- ~~VI.~~ Review Student Handbooks (changes)
- VII. Recognition of Public
- VIII. Adjourn

Parental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

9-25-2018

Attendees:

- Shane Owsley
- Jill Rosentreter
- Mark Goldasich
- Chief Jared DePoppe
- Becky Hatlee
- Amy Gerdes

Meeting called to order at 6:04.

Changes in Handbooks

- Elementary and Middle School: Bus rider policy change: All eligible bus riders are now limited to one primary stop and one additional care-giver stop. If not an eligible bus rider, the student is allowed one additional care giver stop.
- Highschool:
 - Accountability and discipline changes were made regarding student absences and tardiness. A decrease in absences and tardiness has been noted. Also, only 1 Saturday detention has been missed and all lunch detentions have been served.
 - PSAT and SAT incentives were added to encourage better scores. This year's percentage of students meeting or exceeding increased from last year's percentage of 34% to 50%.
 - Senior trip policy was changed: Students can pay a \$50 fee per year in lieu of fundraising. Fundraising is still available to all students.

Public Concerns

- Chief DePoppe discussed the wording of the dress code policy. Gang and drug promotion material has become less noticeable, except to those affiliated with the gang or specific drug. Chief will provide information to the district regarding drug and gang promotion material that may not be immediately recognizable.
- Mrs. Hatlee reviewed the cell phone policy (cell phones must not interrupt learning time and will be confiscated if seen outside of the locker). Mr. Owsley noted there were far less cell phone infractions this year than in the past.
- The detention and suspension policy was briefly discussed. The social worker and school counselor are often included in the detention and suspension process. Also, students cannot receive academic penalties for being suspended. Chief DePoppe confirmed with Mr. Owsley and Mrs. Rosentreter students may request a hearing regarding their suspension with the Board of Education. Alternatives to suspension were discussed. Mr. Owsley and Mrs. Rosentreter both agreed the main goal of any suspension is to keep the student in the school setting during a suspension.