

WREC Parent Council Agenda/Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Members present: Dr. Corbett Babb, Melissa French, Angella Jones, Alissa Carlino, Tracy Weiss, Daniela Modesto, Lynsay Ladany, Meghan White, Michele Leisawitz, Kara DeJohn

22-23 PSSA Results Update

Dr. Babb reviewed WREC PSSA results from the previous school year. While overall proficiencies have not completely rebounded from COVID years, the general trend is moving in that direction with the percent of students scoring advanced/proficient on the ELA assessment coming in around 70%, and for the math assessment around 55%.

WREC Student/Family Mental Health Needs & Future Programming

Council members discussed at length perceived student/family mental health issues in the Wyomissing Area community. Members overwhelmingly agreed that for WREC students the most pressing issue involved “teens and technology”. The discussion included the amount of time spent in front of screens, impact of technology on socializing/forming relationships/overall behavior, the negative impact of technology “overuse” on overall mental health, and educating students/families on strategies for functioning better when not “online”.

Dr. Babb informed the Council that he was working to arrange “Teens and Technology ” programming through the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA) to occur later in the school year. The second major topic discussed concerned student overall anxiety and stress.

Parent/Teacher Conference Input

Dr. Babb asked for the opinion of Council members concerning the recently completed Parent-Teacher conferences. Members were in agreement that the virtual (Webex)-based conferences are preferable to the old way of face-to-face meetings. Parents like having greater flexibility for scheduling, the increased ability for multiple parents/guardians to attend, and felt that the overall content of the virtual meetings was similar to the face-to-face meetings.

Any Safety/Security Concerns

Council members did not have any safety/security concerns at this time. Dr. Babb updated the group on recent safety/emergency drills.

Upcoming Events:

- Dr. Babb reminded the group of tonight ' WREC Winter Concert, 7pm at the JSHS
- This year's Glow Dance will take place on Friday, March 15th.
- The WREC PTA Book Fair will take place from March 14-21.

The next WREC Parent Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 9:00a.m. in the WREC Library.