

Student Achievement Committee
November 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes

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Colleen Duggan
Linda Dansa

Guests: Brendan McDermott, School Counselor (FHS), HS Standards Leader
 Amy Pecoraro, School Counselor (Pinehurst), MS Standards Leader

Focus: Strategic Intent #2 - Social-Emotional

Linda introduced Brendan and Amy and described our recent Advisory Council meeting where we reviewed changes made to the program. She stated that the council meets twice annually. Once the plan is reviewed with the Student Achievement Committee, the revised Comprehensive Counseling Plan (K-12) will be posted to the district website.

Brendan and Amy reviewed the regulations and framework for the plan before moving into an overview of the changes made to the program at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Amy spoke in depth about the role of the new counselors at the elementary level. She added the value of their work during today's staff development day.

Both Brendan and Amy also described the transition of new staff this year, including both counselors and social workers. She stressed the importance of holding regular meetings with staff in order to focus our coordinated support of students. We have been able to push out more programming to students.

Laura stated that she was happy to see the impact the additional staff has had on the programming and support we are able to provide to our students. Brendan also noted the importance of future discussions on the number of counselors at the high school, especially with the REACH program at FHS. Specifically, he requested that the district position become a high school counseling position.

Linda updated the group on our recent Mentor/Mentee meeting. We are in the process of seeking mentors at both FMS and FHS and will then meet again to design a plan for bringing the support to all four elementary buildings and the middle school. High School

students will virtually support elementary school students, while middle school students will support other middle school students.

A brief discussion on the finalization of the communications infographic took place.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
3:30-4:30 pm