

## **Backpack Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday 1/18/17, RC Curriculum Library

**Attendees:** Janis Rabuchin, Erin Hofmann, Bill Dougherty, Erika Kapur, Rick Burden

Rick created an agenda for the meeting

Rick, Jon, Sally and Jeanene have kept Traci in the loop regarding our ongoing meetings

### **Pilot Update**

Even in limited scope, the district has determined we cannot move forward with a pilot at KiMS for the following reasons:

- SMAS- Secondary Mobile Access for Students (1:1 program) still strategic plan, requires fidelity

- Staff can't support

- Would take away from day to day in the class

- Not in a cycle of evaluating SMAS, EMAS

### **Laptop purchases are ongoing**

- 25% lighter? Discussed 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lenovo's vs 6<sup>th</sup> grade HP's did NOT get lighter

- Weight of backpack definitely on the district radar now for ongoing purchases

### **Accountability Form for Laptops in beginning of the year**

- District required to accommodate those students whose families do not sign the form

- There is a process to store/charge those units

- You can carry your own laptop, except for testing

- LWSD does not want BP Committee to encourage using other devices; not prepared for that

- Erin: what if we provided device and paid LWSD to make it ready? No bandwidth for this.

### **Paper- also a big part of the weight that kids are carrying**

Janis explained how kids BP wt often correlates to the combination of teachers they have and how much they rely on OneNote vs paper, comp books (lots of blank pages) and requirements of carrying math homework with them.

- One Note education happens now and staff can opt in

- Erika: if goals/guidelines for technology/OneNote why not for reducing paper also?

- Equality for all students across district, however KiMS not necessarily feeling equal w/o lockers

- Erika: growing requests across the district for more innovation, esp given we live in a tech hub

### **Communication Dept**

Shannon updated Rick that a video creative brief (educational video for 5<sup>th</sup> graders on backpacks/supplies) has been submitted to Jon/Kathryn for approval

- Timeline? **Rick will check with Shannon**

- Rick: the district is definitely still on board with helping on ideas like this at a larger level

- Janis: KiMS PTSA BP website been updated. Erika would like to replicate on PTSA Council site.

- Janis: **will connect our web person with Erika for follow up on how this can happen**

### **Electronic Planner**

- Glad it has shrunk to half its size. Can we go a step further and make it electronic?

- Function exists in Outlook or OneNote. Perhaps teachers could even give 'pushes' of assignments on calendars electronically to students?

Rick: needs to happen organically, let staff opt in and try it.

Debbie at KiMS willing to try, will have conversation with staff

Rick: will schedule meeting with Debbie and Janis to discuss planner/paper reduction options further

### **Incentives/Rewards**

Partnership with principals/staff is imperative- how do we incent behaviors?

Awards at school level and district level

LWSD has "Kudos" program in place and could nominate someone through that

Erika: Perhaps an Innovation Award at Council? Once a month, needs someone to manage

We can create/propose something, **Janis will check w/ KiMS committee if anyone interested**

### **Broader Sweeps**

Rick: would be nice to have a Kirkland staff member in our meetings, also want to involve more schools

Many of our bulletpoints are what KiMS has done/is doing, applicable to rest of district?

Erika: **can bring up at Council Meeting w/all the PTSA's**, but want to solidify/agree on message to be delivered. Understand other schools w/same challenges, share how district helps, solutions KiMS

**Rick: will get a list of district successes to Erika to be sure she is sending the correct message of how the district is willing to participate with other schools across the district.**