Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

October 21, 2021

6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Staff in Attendance: Dr. Miller, Dr. Willis, Director Olivera, Mrs. Leib

Board Members: Ms. Beth Sviben

Buildings Represented: CDHS, CDE, CD Middle, CDE Middle, LMS, Lawnton, Linglestown Elementary

North Side, SMS, EH Phillips, Middle Paxton, Paxtang, Paxtonia, South Side, West Hanover

PAC Community Coordinator: Jackie Pendrak

Welcome and Housekeeping Details:

Mrs. Leib and Mrs. Pendrak welcomed the group to the meeting. PAC meets in October, November, January, February, and March.

All meetings will be held virtually. If meetings need to be cancelled, a notice will be emailed to the group and posted on the district website, www.cdschools.org under News & Events and the PAC webpage.

Concerns and questions district-wide in nature are appropriate items of discussion for PAC (Cafeteria, Curriculum, Transportation etc.).

Items that are specific to a building should be addressed by the Chain of Command (Teacher (staff member), principal and last resort, Dr. Willis (Assistant Superintendent).

Vaping Presentation:

Director Olivera presented a Power Point on the dangers of Vaping and its prevalence in the district. This is a major issue in the district at both high schools, all 4 middle schools and some elementary schools. There have been arrests in both high schools and all 4 middle schools.

These are marketed to the youth by their names and flavors.

Can be difficult to detect because they are odorless, and devices are small. Readily available in convenience and specialty stores and online via Amazon.

One cigarette is equal to 1 mg of nicotine. One e-cigarette is equivalent to 1 pack of cigarettes.

CDSD is also seeing the usage of e-cigarettes with synthetic marijuana (THC).

It is recommended that Parents/Guardians discuss the dangers of vaping with their students about the dangers and potential hazardous health effects.

Student IDs at Paid Sporting Events:

Director Olivera informed the PAC about the increase in fighting at football games, mainly caused by students from visiting districts. Additionally, middle school students were being dropped off at games in groups with not parental supervision. When the students would get into trouble, there was no adult on the premises to call to take the student home.

As such, effective immediately, ALL CDHS, CDEHS and Dauphin County Tech (DCT) high school students will be required to show a school ID for admittance to games.

All other students, district, or non-district, under the age of 18, must attend with a responsible parent and/or guardian.

Next Meeting is November 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.