

## **Parents Advisory Committee Meeting**

**November 19, 2020**

**Staff Present:** Dr. Norm Miller, Dr. Erika Willis, Mrs. Sarah Box, Mr. Steve Watson and Mrs. Shannon Leib

**Buildings Represented:** CD High, CD East, CD Middle, CD East Middle, Linglestown Middle, Swatara Middle, E.H. Phillips, Linglestown Elem, Middle Paxton, Mountain View, North Side, Paxtonia, Rutherford, West Hanover

**PAC Coordinator:** Mrs. Jackie Pendrak

Mrs. Shannon Leib conducted greetings and welcomed the PAC to the meeting.

### **COVID-19 Updates:**

Dr. Miller, Superintendent, discussed schools and staff being able to quickly transition to remote learning when COVID numbers necessitate that action.

The Administration continues to work closely with the State and the District's physicians to monitor County numbers and data daily.

Numbers are up locally and nationally, with the percent positivity very high in Dauphin County which necessitated full remote education for the weeks between fall and winter break.

The District will continue to provide Grab & Go Meals on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at CD East, Swatara Middle, Linglestown Middle, Middle Paxton and Rutherford Elementary. Here is the specific information:

**The Central Dauphin School District will continue to provide Grab and Go Meals during the month of December 2020. The Grab and Go Meal program will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-6:00PM through and including Tuesday, December 22nd. Grab and Go Meals are available at the following locations: • Middle Paxton Elementary School (TUESDAYS ONLY) • Rutherford Elementary School • Linglestown Middle School • Swatara Middle School • Central Dauphin East High School During Winter Break, Grab and Go Meals will only be available for pick-up at Central Dauphin East High School on Tuesday, December 29th, 3:00-6:00PM. The Grab and Go Program is open to any child, 18 years or younger in the community. If you are unable to pick-up meals for your child(ren), you are permitted to have another person pickup school meals for your child(ren). If you have any questions regarding the CDSB Grab and Go Program, please contact the Food Services Department at 717-545-4703, ext. 70221.**

### **Ready to Succeed Partnership with the United Way**

Mr. Steve Watson, Curriculum & Instruction Specialist discussed the District's Partnership with the United Way to bring early education intervention into the district.

The CD School District agreed to enter a partnership with the United Way and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit to implement the Ready for School Ready to SUCCEED program in CD for the 2020-2021 school year.

This program is fully funded by the United Way. Two Early Education Liaisons will be hired by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) to work within the Central Dauphin School District. One liaison will work out of Tri-Community and the other out of North Side.

The liaisons will work together to achieve the program's goal of improving school readiness so that incoming Central Dauphin kindergarten students are on track to succeed in school. The CD liaisons will work to achieve this goal by working with the families of preschool children as well as the teachers and staff of early learning and childcare centers in the CD footprint.

We understand that this is a vital service to provide to our community as the 450 school districts out of 500 offer full-day Kindergarten.

### **Learning Pods –**

The PAC discussed the concept of learning pods within the community to assist families during remote learning. There are currently organizations that offer these services for families, but they often come with a price tag that is not affordable and/or they do not provide transportation for students.

We discussed the idea of partnering with churches in the community. PAC members are encouraged to submit names of churches/organizations to Mrs. Leib for further follow up.

Dr. Miller discussed our CORE program and how robust it is, especially at the elementary and middle school levels. High school continues to work more independently, mainly, because of the broad course selections.

Dr. Miller noted that we have school districts that have been contacting the CDSB about our CORE program and how they can develop a similar model in their district.

CORE Numbers have been fluctuating. There are approximately 1500 elementary students enrolled and 1500 secondary students. We have lost students to other Cyber Charter Schools.

The district offers CAOLA if parents are looking for a "work at your own pace" cyber education with no "live lessons." Students would still be afforded a CDSB curriculum education, CDSB diploma, ability to participate in extra-curricular activities, families stay connected to the district, ability to participate in the Grab & Go Meal Program and receive District support for 504 Plans, IEP, counseling, social work, etc.

The district received an earlier than expected shipment of chrome books, which should match nearly every student that has requested a device. We are close to becoming a "One to One" school district at the secondary level.