

Excellence Team

October 18, 2016

Mrs. Taylor welcomed the group and had each representative introduce themselves since this was the first meeting of the year. Mrs. Taylor mentioned that the Student Council is actively looking for a Freshmen class representative.

The Excellence Team discussed the following items:

1. A student raised the concern that Music Department has a lack of space for the orchestra. The orchestra has outgrown its space and the students have difficulty playing their instruments correctly.

Mrs. Taylor agreed that the space is tight and with the recent band room renovations, often times the orchestra will use the band room. Mrs. Taylor mentioned she is extremely thankful for the strong music department and student enrollment. Others members brainstormed options to free up space (i.e. PODS, trailers, etc).

2. A student questioned if the students could receive busing when attending music related events.

Mrs. Taylor informed the members that the Music Department would have to allocate funding to obtain buses. The Athletic Department was referenced since they utilize busing for their events.

3. A concern from a student was mentioned regarding the security officers wearing reflective attire especially in the mornings to increase their visibility.

Mrs. Taylor noted they have reflective gear they wear when directing traffic on darker mornings. This will be brought to the attention of the Head Security Officer.

Several other concerns were reported regarding safety when arriving to school. Members voiced their concerns regarding crossing guards not "pooling" students and abruptly stopping vehicles and students cutting through cars to get across the street. Mrs. Taylor will bring these concerns to those who are responsible in ensuring students' safety when travelling to school.

4. A student displayed several images of school signs that he took and discussed how they seemed outdated and worn.

This issue will be brought to the attention of the Director of Facilities.

5. A parent raised the option of PE Opt-Out for Sophomores.

This was discussed at length last year. Several members discussed the issue of where to put the Sophomores if they are opted out since there is not enough space to contain them if they have a

free period. Another parent mentioned that this concern should be addressed to the Policy Committee since Opt-Out is a District Policy.

6. A parent asked if tables could be put in the Science Courtyard for students to complete work.

Mr. Zegarelli mentioned that the school could not place tables in the courtyard; however, the students could sit on the benches and complete work and/or socialize. Another student asked if the students could prop open the doors to access the Science Courtyard. Mr. Zegarelli discussed how this is a safety concern and doors could not be left propped open. The student then inquired if the students could receive ID badges so that they could let themselves in the building. This option was discussed and we are unable to accommodate this request.

7. The hours that the testing center was open was also raised by a parent. The parent would like to know if the testing center could be open during X-Period (2:32 pm – 3:00pm) for students to complete exams.

Mrs. Taylor will request funding to make this possible.