

West Carteret High School Advisory Council Issues for Discussion with Board of Education

Issues for Discussion at the September 27, 2010 joint meeting of School Advisory Council Chairmen and the Carteret County Board of Education.

Present:

Carolyn Heller	Cecilia Pfaff	Pattie Maxwell
Tony Smith	Ashley Henry	Jane Newbern
Bert Pearce	Laurie Murrell	Shadrack Barrow
Donna Getty	Sherry George	

Minutes from August meeting were approved.

I. Curriculum:

- a. Academic Blitz started September 20th after Interim Reports were issued. Students who received a D or F are required to attend these remedial sessions.
- b. Students who are passing their classes with a C or better are invited to participate in Enrichment activities that take place during Academic Blitz. Examples of activities are SAT prep, jewelry making, jazz band, etc. Activities are posted on TV monitors throughout the school and change periodically.

II. School Activities:

- a. The WCHS Patriot Band was named Grand Champion out of 24 bands that competed at West Craven High School. Congratulations to our award winning band!
- b. Our WCHS Varsity Football team is off to a great start. We defeated ECHS and kept the Mullet Bucket for the 3rd year and defeated CHS to win the Golden Corral Shootout for the 5th year. We have been County Champs 3 years in a row!
- c. October 11th and 12th will be make up days for Hurricane Earl.
- d. Scheduled Events:
 1. Friday, October 1st, 8:50 am - Good Patriot Celebration - Auditorium
 2. Friday, October 1st, 4:00 pm - Spaghetti Dinner by the Cheerleaders - Cafeteria
 3. Friday, October 1st, 6:00 pm - Hall of Fame Celebration - Media Ctr
 4. Friday, October 1st, 7:00 pm - Varsity Football vs. White Oak - Football Field
 5. Monday, October 4th, 3:00 pm - Faculty Meeting - Chorus Room
 6. Tuesday, October 5th, 7:15 am - Senior Speak Out - Lg. Conf. Room
 7. Wednesday, October 6th - ADVISORY SCHEDULE
 8. Wednesday, October 6th, 11:30 am - Cross Country meet - Track
 9. Thursday, October 7th, 4:30 pm - Volleyball vs. DH Conley - Gym
 10. Thursday, October 7th, 4:30 pm - JV Soccer vs. Jacksonville - Football Field
 11. Thursday, October 7th, 6:30 pm - Varsity Soccer vs. Jacksonville -

Football Field

12. Thursday, October 7th, 7:00 pm - Talent Show - Auditorium
13. Friday, October 8th - End of 1st six weeks
14. Friday, October 8th, 7:00 pm - Varsity Football vs. Jacksonville -

Football Field

15. Saturday, October 9th, 7:30 am - SAT - Croatan High School
16. Tuesday, October 12th, 3:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting - Large Conference Room
17. Tuesday, October 12th, 4:30 pm - JV Soccer vs. Washington - Football Field
18. Tuesday, October 12th, 6:30 pm - Varsity Soccer vs. Washington -

Football Field

19. Wednesday, October 13th, 7:30 pm - Chorus Concert - Auditorium
20. Thursday, October 14th, 4:30 pm - Volleyball vs. Havelock - Gym
21. Thursday, October 14th, 7:00 pm - JV Football vs. DH Conley -

Football Field

22. Friday, October 15th - REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED
23. Saturday, October 16th, 7:30 am - Auditorium Lobby
24. Monday, October 18th - Underclassmen Makeup Pictures - Gym
25. Monday, October 18th, 1:30 pm - Golf Match - MCCC
26. Monday, October 18th, 6:30 pm - Financial Aid Night - Media Center
27. Tuesday, October 19th, 6:30 pm - Varsity Soccer vs. South Central -

Football Field

28. Thursday, October 21st, 4:30 pm - JV Soccer vs. West Craven -
29. Thursday, October 21st, 6:30 pm - Varsity Soccer vs. West Craven -

Football Field

30. Friday, October 22nd, 8:00 am - Principal's Breakfast - Media Center
31. Friday, October 22nd, 2:10 pm - Homecoming Pep Rally - Gym
32. Friday, October 22nd, 7:00 pm - Varsity Football vs. West Craven -

Football Field

33. Friday, October 22nd, 9:00 pm - ASB Homecoming Dance - Cafeteria
34. Monday, October 25th, 5:30 pm - Parent Advisory Council Meeting -

Media Center

35. Thursday, October 28th, 7:00 pm - JV Football vs. Havelock - Football

Field

36. Friday, October 29th - INTERIM REPORTS DISTRIBUTED

III. Transportation:

a. WCHS is looking into solutions for our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up traffic flow as the line is consistently long and quite inefficient. Some students are being dropped-off and/or picked-up by the band building. Some students are being dropped-off and/or picked up on Country Club Road or Glad Tidings church and crossing Country Club Road. All of these options are dangerous and Glad Tidings has asked that cars not park in their parking lot. Perhaps the additional 5 minutes added at the end of the day has resulted in congestion with parents picking up children at Morehead Primary. Any suggestions should be sent to Mrs.

Heller at carolyn.heller@carteretk12.org.

b. It was mentioned that Handicap Parking by the WCHS football field is not very visible as the parking lines are faded. It was decided that the lines will be repainted for better visibility and the possibility of adding signs will be looked into.

IV. Facilities/Maintenance:

- a. The electronic sign at WCHS is up and running! The sign is a nice addition to our campus and serves as a great tool for communication. The feedback from parents and the community has been very positive!
- b. HVAC is still in Phase V. This phase should be complete by Thanksgiving. Phase VI will consist of HVAC replacement in the Career and Technical/Vocational hall. All HVAC should be complete by January.
- c. Windows have been replaced in the gym, gym hall and 400 hall. Windows are currently being replaced in the 600 hall. The gym windows will be tinted to prevent glare.

V. Policy:

Nothing to report

VI. Other:

- a. A new visitor and student check in/check out computer system is being installed in the front office. The system, Ident-A-Kid, will be operable during school hours only. The computer will require the destination of the person checking in and take their picture.
- b. The Carteret County Board of Education will hold an introductory meeting with Parent Advisory Council Members from 5:00 - 6:00 pm on October 5th, 2010. A Public Forum will be held from 6:00 - 6:30.
- c. Advisory Council Report forms are on the Carteret County School's website under "schools".
- d. The next scheduled meeting for WCHS Parent Advisory Council is Monday, October 25th at 5:30 pm in the Media Center.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Current enrollment at WCHS is 1,204 students.
- b. There are no personnel updates to report at this time.

VIII. New Business:

a. Concern was expressed that some WCHS students are going to Croatan for assistance from their counselors. There is a general feeling that our counselors are not very accommodating in guiding students to their graduation goals. Some students and parents feel that they are having to research class, college, scholarship, etc. options on their own with little or no help from the counselors. There has been some turnover in the counseling department and perhaps the new counselors are not as knowledgeable in all areas. The counselors do have a tremendous work load, but these concerns will certainly be addressed.

b. It was suggested that classes offered be posted online when the schedules are available. This would allow students to possibly make changes to their schedules without having to attend drop/add. Some required courses are scheduled at the same time making it difficult for upperclassmen to get the courses they need. By seeing all courses available at one time, this could help alleviate this problem.

C. There needs to be a link on the Carteret County School website that lists all enrichment programs, scholarships, etc. available to students for each grade level. This could be a cooperative effort by all counselors, but it would be accessible and beneficial to all students and parents.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned until October 25th at 5:30 pm in the Media Center.

Submitted by: Cecilia Pfaff

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