

January 2020 SIT Meeting Notes

A. Covid Updates for Birchwood Middle School

1. Masks are still being worn
2. Mask breaks have stopped as a result of RIDOH guidance.
3. Classrooms being “fogged” each night.
4. Lunch continues to be eaten in the classrooms. Gym classes eat in the cafeteria.
5. Many families are opting their students back into in person learning.
6. Basketball for both boys and girls is now underway.

B. Thanksgiving food drive- final push

1. Feinstein will not be sponsoring a food drive.
2. Items donated will be used to create Thanksgiving baskets for needy Birchwood families.
3. Birchwood staff is donated the turkeys for the baskets.
4. Excess items were donated to Stephen Olney foodbank. Over 400 excess items.
5. 21 Baskets for Thanksgiving and 19 for Christmas. All with Turkeys and pies.

B. Adopt a family for Christmas holiday.

1. Birchwood staff adopted families in need for the holiday season.
2. Baskets will be made and distributed with gifts for the holiday season.
3. 21 families were assisted with gifts for children and gift cards for families.
4. Students made cards for families in the hospital and nursing homes.

C. Family Engagement strategies.

1. Weekly family update sent from the principal.
2. Teams will send a weekly update on the happenings in the classrooms geared towards instruction and assessments.
3. P.T.O. will be restarted once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.
4. Principals will visit feeder schools in the spring of incoming 5th graders.
5. Middle School parents night will be held in person or virtually if required in the Spring of 2021.
6. Survey works link will be sent to families.

D. School operating budget for 2021-2022 school year.

1. Review of expenditures and allocation of funds.
2. Review budget to be submitted to the finance department for the fiscal year 2021-2022.
3. Itemized Breakdown
 - After school R.T.I and R.I.C.A.S. ramp up- 10k

- Transportation-\$4,500
- Instructional Materials- 29k
- Supplies-38k
- Building Improvements-33k
- Medical Supplies-1k
- Moving Up Materials-1k
- Technology Upgrades/Repairs-7k
- Professional Organizations-3k

E. R.I.C.A.S. Test Preparation

1. Teachers start now for the test in the Spring.
2. After school ramp up instruction for targeted subgroups and subject areas.
3. Incentives developed via the P.B.I.S. committee for students achievement & effort.
4. Content Leaders shift content meeting to a focus on R.I.C.A.S. and gaps that were identified earlier in the year.
5. E.L.A. testing is scheduled before April vacation.
6. Math Testing is scheduled for after April vacation.
7. 8th grade science testing will take place in mid to late May.

F. Chromebooks

1. The devices have been holding up nicely.
2. B.M.S. is working with the technology department to pilot a program for how the chromebooks are collected when they need to be serviced.
3. The turnaround time for getting a device fixed is currently two to three days.
4. Many parents have purchased insurance which has cut down on funds spent on the school level to fix broken devices.
5. Safe search access is now given to the Principal @ Birchwood. This allows the students to be counseled about the inappropriate search that they conducted on the district device.

2nd Quarter Academic Achievement

1. The 2nd quarter ends on 1/29/21.
2. Report cards will be available to parents on 2/5/21 via Skyward online.
3. A concern exists for students that have not been attending school either virtually or in person.
4. Teachers have contacted families via phone calls, e-mails as well as holding parent meetings.
5. Support staff along with our school resource officer have conducted home visits.
6. The truancy officer has been involved in extreme cases.

7. The residency officer has been informed of students that we believe are no longer living in the district.
8. Teachers will continue to focus on priority standards for students.
9. Administration is looking into the possibility of running a summer program based on the expedition of the vaccine and pandemic effects.