

School Counseling Program – Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes November 28, 2016

Mission Statement:

Greybull Public Schools' Counseling Program promotes college and career readiness for all students through delivery of and access to a comprehensive school counseling program, which is preventative in nature and focuses on collaborating with all stakeholders to help students from all backgrounds overcome barriers to become productive and contributing citizens.

Members in Attendance:

Michaela Williams

Tracy Boyer

Patsy King

Scharen Collingwood

Sarah Zeller

Brett Suiter

Joel Rogers

Cheryl Hunt

Jeff Sukut

Heather Sanford

Barry Bryant

Call to order 4:05 PM

- Review GPS School Counseling Goals 2016/2017
 - GES- Michaela
 - Increase enrollment in small group interventions (8 groups)
 - 29 students in individual counseling - 19/29 referred for social skills (two groups currently, moving to lunch time)
 - Advocacy time has not worked out for small groups, going back to lunch time
 - Implement a sustainable and effective advocacy program
 - Students and staff survey for feedback to follow
 - Offer classroom responsive services with supplementary curriculum materials/lessons during intervention time, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (staff survey)
 - GMS- Scharen
 - By the end of 4th quarter 2017, students who earned a D or an F in one or more classes first quarter will increase the number of A's, B's, and C's they earn by 10%.
 - By July 2017, 8th grade students eligible for free and reduced lunches (n=12) will increase their enrollment in Algebra 1 from 3 8th grade students eligible for free and reduced lunch to 7 8th grade students eligible for free and reduced lunch.
 - By the end of 4th quarter 2017, students who received 2 or more discipline referrals during 1st quarter will decrease their number of office referrals by 10%.
- Counseling Core Curriculum 2016/2017
 - GES Michaela
 - Second Step:

- Respectful behaviors: listening, focusing attention, being assertive, and self-talk
 - Empathy: recognizing the emotions of others
 - Emotion control: stop signals, naming feelings (I feel...), deep breathing, counting, and positive self-talk.
 - Bullying prevention: recognize, report, refuse
 - Problem solving steps: state the problem, think of solutions, explore consequences, pick the best solution
 - Supplementary curriculum materials (researching):
 - MindUp - mindfulness, self regulation
 - Strong Kids - emotion control
 - Small groups
 - Social skills (3 teacher referrals)
 - Anxiety - positive coping strategies (1 teacher referral)
 - PBIS - re-teach expectations (0 teacher referrals)
 - Would this be a better 1st step for discipline referrals before consequences
 - GMS Scharen
 - SecondStep
 - Career Exploration
 - Heather would be willing to help organize a career fair
 - Jeff has email addresses for all his junior interview participants
 - Hathaway Scholarship
 - Cyber Safety/Media Literacy
 - Small groups
 - Social Skills
 - Anxiety
 - Decision Making
 - Jeff reports
 - Relying on primary counselors for substance prevention
 - He would like to bring in an assembly
- ASCA National Conference July 8th - 11th, 2017 Denver, CO Scharen
 - Online registration begins mid-January 2017
 - Early-bird registration fees (by March 1, 2017): Members/\$369
 - Mr. Bryant asked to get District Application for Professional Development in ASAP so funds can be reserved
 - Mr. Bryant said this is a very valuable event and he supports counselors attending
- Input from Stakeholders
 - What are the most beneficial services we provide?
 - Weekly classroom lessons Sarah Zeller & Cheryl Hunt
 - Common language

- Great info for students
 - Has helped school
- Weekly Student Locker Appreciations at GMS Cheryl Hunt
- Student Advocacy Time Tracy Boyer
 - @ GES Kids and teachers are enjoying
 - @GMS hard to balance homework and group activities, kids choose how they get to spend their time--have adjusted to it being in the morning instead of the afternoon Heather Sanford
- What areas do you feel the school counselors should focus on more/spend more time on?
 - The Wyoming Congressional Award Heather Sanford
 - Continue to use District Bully Reporting Forms Mr. Bryant
- Love and Logic - Fall 2016 Michaela
 - “Best Class Ever”
 - 9 participants
 - Thank you Mr. Bryant for your support of the program
 - Hosted at GES
 - New setting worked out well

Adjourn 5:00PM