

12.16.2020

Local School Improvement Council (LSIC)

Ritchie Elementary School

Call to Order: President Kudrav called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM (virtual meeting). Minutes from the last meeting of 09.16.2020 were accepted.

New Business:

Curriculum Report: Miss Cox explained that students in grades 4 and 5 have been practicing the state math test remotely. All 4th graders completed the testing and all 5th graders will have completed the test by the end of the week. January 2021 begins regular testing preparation for the WVGSA. Mrs. Hasson explained that students are using the Google Meets account in both AM and PM sessions. Staff have been meeting online some evenings for about 90 minutes to help those students who are unable to use this account during the day. Ritchie encourages online enrichment classes as well.

Safety Report: Mr. Jordan reported that Ritchie has practiced both fire drills and code yellow lockdowns in December. The school has approximately 12 (twelve) Special Education students reporting weekly to classes. The Fire Marshall will be inspecting the school building during the holiday break.

Wellness: Miss Cox reported that wellness breaks are happening at Ritchie! Virtual students and those attending in person are being active through the learning sessions. Our counselors, Abby Kurz and Nick Irvin, spoke with students in the fall concerning COVID-19 hygiene. Jump rope for Heart begins February 02, 2021.

Parent Involvement: Mrs. Niehaus reported that the PTO is sponsoring 7 Days of Christmas for Ritchie students. Five (5) prizes are awarded each school day by random drawing. Prizes include scooters, board games, and ice skating passes. Facebook is used as a means of communication. Mrs. Niehaus was also excited to report that the PTO bought student book bags for \$1.00 each (at a savings of \$1,300.00).

Principal's Report: Mr. Jordan explained the five (5) day food distribution procedures at Ritchie every Wednesday. On Wednesday, December 9th, 81 families received boxes of food. During Christmas week, ten (10) days of food boxes will be distributed. Midterms were recently mailed to students in grades 3 through 5. Mr. Jordan also reported that school improvements include a new sidewalk on the north side of the building and additional cameras are being installed (gym, locker room area, front foyer, and in the new parking lot of the south side of the building). Lastly, Mr. Jordan reported that the telephone messaging system called School Messenger has reached 90% of Ritchie families each time a message is sent. He praised the Ritchie staff for their hard work during these difficult times.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

LSIC Members of 2020-2021:

John Jordan, Principal-ATTENDED

Helen Kudrav, Teacher Rep., President-ATTENDED

Diane Hasson, Teacher Rep.-ATTENDED

Marilyn Roberts, Secretary-ATTENDED

Shae Adams, Parent Rep.

Jerry Auten, Bus driver

Bobbi Schultz, Parent Rep.

Mary Jane Rogerson, Parent Rep.

Geneva Templin, PIE New Vision-ATTENDED

Jess Cox, Teacher Rep.-ATTENDED

Sgt. Gregg Harris

Colleen Megna, PIE WesBanco

Melinda Niehaus, Parent Rep.-ATTENDED

Patricia Kady, Service Pers. Rep.-ATTENDED