



SIMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Home of the Cougars”

242 W. Water Street

Flemingsburg, KY 41041



Whitney Wilson
Principal

Simons Middle School SBDM Agenda December 6, 2021 – 4:30 PM

Jordan Fritz
Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order / Welcome Guests
The meeting began at 4:31 PM with a welcome to guests.

Kim Perkins
Guidance Counselor

Members Present: Chelsae Bohl, Heather Dowdy, Mara Earlywine, Amanda Highfield, AJ Mullholand, and Whitney Wilson.

Pauletta Lawson
Admin. Asst./Treasurer

Parent and Community members in attendance were Emily Fletcher.

Misty Gardner
Attendance Clerk

2. Approval of Agenda – **Action**
Members did not have amendments to the agenda. Agenda approved by consensus.

Mendy High
FRYSC Coordinator

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – **Action**
 - a. November 15, 2021

Members reviewed minutes. There were no amendments needed, therefore the minutes were approved by consensus.

SBDM Members
Chelsae Bohl
Heather Dowdy
Mara Earlywine
Amanda Highfield
A.J. Mullholand
Whitney Wilson

4. Review of policy:
 - 7-0 Discipline Classroom Management Student Behavior Plan.docx - **Action**
 - a. 2021-2022 Student Behavior Plan
 - b. 2021-2022 Student Handbook
 - c. Public Comment

Mrs. Wilson shared the process of looking at and addressing/amending policy. Since this is a review of policy, there must be a vote of 4 in agreement in order to send the policy back to the Culture and Climate Committee.

Ms. Fletcher, the parent member in attendance, shared positive aspects of her children’s experiences here in Fleming County and at Simons Middle School in particular. Ms. Fletcher expressed that she feels that the marks system doesn’t work for everyone due to backgrounds, experiences, and medical needs. One of the largest concerns is that parents are not always aware of the number of marks that students are receiving or the reasoning for receiving marks. She is concerned with the fact that marks that are given are not always communicated to the parents to be addressed within the home. Ms. Fletcher is requesting that a communication clause be added to the policy to ensure that parents are receiving proper communication about discipline issues.

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Mrs. Dowdy inquired about if parent signatures are required on marks sheets. Mrs. Wilson shared that if it is a 1 mark, teachers may not require marks sheets to be required. However, if students receive a more severe amount of marks, the students should be required to bring it back signed.

Jordan Fritz
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Highfield explained how she requires marks sheets to be returned, however students do not return the marks sheets.

Kim Perkins
Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Earlywine shared that she agrees with the policy but does feel that everyone should be on the same page in terms of communication with the parents.

Pauletta Lawson
Admin. Asst./Treasurer

Misty Gardner
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Mrs. Dowdy inquired if the marks system started over. Mrs. Wilson shared that the marks accumulate for large rewards (dances, end of the year trips, etc), but for short term/9 week rewards the marks restart.

Mendy High
FRYSC Coordinator

Council put the policy to a vote to see if it should be sent back to culture/climate committee:

Chelsae Bohl- nay but maybe a clear guideline for teachers to get back on the same page.

SBDM Members
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Heather Dowdy
Mara Earlywine
Amanda Highfield
A.J. Mullholand
Whitney Wilson

AJ Mullholand- nay

Amanda Highfield-nay

Heather Dowdy- Yes: even if it isn't sent back, there needs to be more communication.

Mara Earlywine- Yes in terms of communication

This will not pass by council to go back to culture and climate due to the lack of votes.

Mrs. Wilson shared that she will ask the culture and climate committee to look back at the policy in terms of communication but will address the communication with the faculty and staff.

5. Open Chair

Mrs. Wilson shared that herself and Fritz discussed bringing back the mark notification letter so that when students receive 10 marks, parents receive notifications. Once students hit 20 marks, they would receive another notification letters.

6. Other

7. Next Meeting Date: December 20, 2021, at 4:15 PM

8. Adjourn

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**There were no other questions.
Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.**

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