GREEN Schools Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting minutes- April 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was held virtually via zoom on Tuesday April 13 at 6:30. In attendance were Oz Sipahioglu, Amita Ddevaraj, Leslie Ferrell, Eduardo Pereira and Mr. Ozer (4 total)

Our first discussion was about CLUBS AT LOWER CAMPUS

A survey was created and will go out this month from lower campus Friday email.

EARLY RELEASE

The question of why early release on Wednesday. It was brought to some of our attention that it is harder for parents to get off work to pick up kids early on Friday. Many parents can get Friday off or leave work early but in the middle of the week it is difficult. Mr. Oz said that campus principals and teachers wanted it on Wednesday b/c it was more productive than the end of the week. Friday rolls around and teachers are exhausted. We suggested and discussed would late stay be provided if parents could not leave work to pick their kids up.

THE HOOT

“The hoot” upper and lower campus principle had the idea of combine these 2 campuses for their own Hoot. The goal is to not pay someone to put this together and that money being spent will be spent on the students. Ex. things that benefit the students and teachers. Mr. Oz stated that The Hoot would only have one more publication. (the goal is for money not to be spent on a newsletter)

2021 SPORTS CLUBS FOR UPPER CAMPUS

Would like to see a variety of clubs offered for the 2021-2022 school year

Ex. golf with PGA junior, fencing with foothills, archery etc. how to negotiate partnership. Web links were sent to Mr. Ozer. He was going to look into these clubs

2021 strings club (violin, viola, cello, double bass) for upper and lower. How can we get a partnership with NGC string project (Mr. Weaver) Mr. Ozer was going to look into this.

It would be good if the companies could give a percent back to the school if our students attend and participate in their club.
Grade split for Green Charter (upper campus)

From my understanding the grade percentage was changed a few years ago to 70% major grades and 30% minor grades. Prior to this it was a 60%/40% split.

It was discussed at the school. Mr. Ozer said it was changed prior to him coming. The school prior to Green he said they were 60/40 split. He suggested I ask MR. Oz in a PAC meeting. It was also mentioned that it makes it more competitive. It was mentioned that some teachers like the 70/40 split and others like it the 60/40 split.

Prior to the meeting some research on what other districts around us have. From the understanding the state sets the 10 point grading scale but it is up to each district to set the split of major and minor grades.

Below counties all have 60/40 split. Not all counties have it on line. We had to ask families or call school.

Upstate counties: Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Southside Christian (private school), other charter school (60/40 split)

Other area of state: Chester, Kershaw, High Point academy Spartanburg, lower part of state

This can affect Green students competing for college scholarships b/c it affects the GPA. Green students could have lower GPA compared to others in state if they don’t do as well on test scores. Green test score percentage is higher than other schools. It can make it competitive at Green but can affect them competing against other students in the state.

IF a student does poor one day on a test it will have a dramatic impact on their class average. Ex. Student might have had a bad day; some students don’t test as well as others. etc

The goal is to insure that Green students have the same split on major and minor grades as other students with in the state.

The upper campus/Mr. Ozer is to reevaluate the current grade split.