

Waxahachie High School CEIC Meeting 9/15/2020

Committee Members Present:

Huskisson	Mullican	Louque	Verdin	Huckabee
Venable	Perry	McClure	Reynolds	Bates

Discussion of Roles and Responsibilities

Grading Guidelines

Grading guidelines were changed at the Board Meeting last night and an addendum was sent out today. Teachers only need to give 2 tests per six weeks and no semester exams this fall. A question was raised about the 5 day late policy and the teacher's requirement to get grades in within five days. Ms. Harris needs teachers to please give grace to those students. She will give teachers grace on the requirement to get grades posted within five days. Everyone needs to hold students accountable and communicate as much as possible. We anticipate that many students will be returning as a result of their failures. We will be helping them recover that first six weeks using a credit recovery approach with APEX and the TEKS they were to cover in that grading period.

Hybrid

This program is going away due to considerations for the safety of the school. This caused many security issues on campus and there was an abundance of Hybrid student failures. They will be given a choice between face-to-face and online. We think most will come back face to face. Students can attend activities before and after school if they choose online but they can no longer attend during the school day.

Online vs Face to Face

A question was asked concerning when students can change from face to face to online and vice versa. Students can only change from face to face to online at six weeks unless it is COVID related. Students can return face to face at any time unless quarantined due to COVID. If a student has COVID, the teacher will receive a personal call/conversation from Ms. Harris. One committee member expressed concerns that students have been discussing going online in the 2nd six weeks rather than staying on campus.

Average grade for an online student is a 38. The online program is failing us - particularly for students that have gaps they cannot recover on their own. Teachers should give grace for kids that are truly trying. Some students simply aren't trying; but at the end of the day, it will be on the educators to get them back where they need to be.

Failures

It is bad - even with face to face kids. Across the board in all content areas.

Attendance

There are a lot of problems - there are over 900 kids who have missed 6+ days. If kids are sick at home, but they show up for Zoom, they still have to be marked absent.

Students with Hardships - Let Ms. Harris and the counselors know. We have some resources for students that need them.

Teachers in Need of Assistance - Diligently looking for a testing platform that will offer a lockdown browser; Canvas is expensive. Teachers want/need more time. Approved 4 additional teachers - one per content area. They could either become the online teacher for that content area or could rotate and give every teacher a day off every two or three weeks. This solution only affects Core content areas. The Online Friday option has been presented but Tonya will readdress and reopen the dialogue.

Moving Forward - This committee will drive Campus Improvement Plan, Campus Needs Assessment, Campus Climate and Culture, and Campus Short-Term and Long-Term Goals.