

SPIRIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 05, 2016

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

AGENDA

OBJECTIVES:

- Ø Discuss what is currently happening in the Lowellville Schools
- Ø Discuss ideas of what happened "traditions" in the Lowellville Schools and new ideas
- Ø Discuss communications of the events planning

- Introductions
- Open Discussion About Objectives
- First Steps and Next Steps
- Next Meeting

In Attendance: Angel Laudermilt, Lori Hvidsak, Michele McCaughtry, Pam Kumer, Darlene Basista, Geno Thomas, Tim Pancake & Christine Sawicki

1. We discussed the current policy regarding dressing down on only Fridays (has been in dress code for at least 4 years). In the past, students were permitted to wear their game shirt to school on the day of a game but we believe that started to be abused. The abuse of the dress code, led to the change in the dress code that only permits students to wear Spirit wear on Fridays.

Changes agreed upon tonight:

This applies to 7th-12th grade students only:The AD will provide the ORIGINAL schedule of all athletic seasons to the appropriate coaches and the staff. The students will be permitted to wear their team shirt on the day that they have a game. They must wear UNIFORM bottoms at all times unless it is a Friday (they may wear jeans on Fridays). This will ONLY apply to the original schedule of events. Students WILL NOT be permitted to dress down for any make up games or events. The band and choir will also be able to participate on days that they are performing at a home basketball game or football game. Mr. Antonucci will provide a schedule of when the events occur during basketball season. The AD and Mr. Pancake will communicate with all coaches and inform them of what will be accepted to wear on game days. ***The coaches will then notify their players of what he/she wants the players to wear that day.***

If the students begin to abuse dressing down on game days, we will go back to only dressing down on Fridays. Students will still be held accountable to the dress code infractions and consequences.

Elementary students: No changes were made. The K-6 students will only be permitted to wear Rocket Spirit wear on Fridays.

Changes will start the week of October 10th.

2. Mrs. Sawicki provided an update of events that have occurred over the past few weeks as well as upcoming events.

- K-12 Spirit week for homecoming
- Homecoming bonfire, parade and snake
- Homecoming pep rally
- Booster parents decorate the village with signs and toilet paper
- Students purchased balloons and were on the field for the run through tunnel (Homecoming game)
- 2nd annual alumni cheerleading performance at 9-30-16 football game
- 9-30-16- Band play/parade through the elementary and high school halls from 2:10-2:30. Varsity football players and cheerleaders were also involved in parade.
- 10-7-16- The high school band will play during both high school lunches.
- 10-13-16 (Thursday)- Pep assembly to honor all seniors who participate in fall sports, band and cheerleading. The Mr. Rocket competition will occur during the pep assembly. All students in K-12 will be encouraged to dress in Rocket Spirit wear.
- 10-14-16- No School. Senior night at the football game. All seniors and their parents/guardians will be introduced before the game begins.
- 10-14-16- Dance after the game until midnight in the cafeteria. Sponsored by the Boosters. \$2.00 to attend. Open to students in grades 7-12. Pizza, snacks and drinks provided. DJ. Once you leave the dance you will not be able to re-enter. Tickets will be sold during lunch on Wednesday 10-12 and Thursday 10-13. Chaperones needed. Administration will also be at the dance.
- 10-21-16- Band play/parade through the elementary and high school halls from 8:10-8:30 . Varsity football players and cheerleaders were also involved in parade.
- 10-28-16- Short pep assembly (regular bell schedule). Will be selling olive green "Lowellville Strong" t-shirts to wear for this day. All shirts will be \$10.00. Orders are due October 13th.
- October 24th-28th- Red Ribbon Week for K-12 students. There will be dress down themes for each day of the week.

- Students have been encouraged to make spirit banners and signs to hang in the hallways or on lockers. The school has tape that will not remove the paint from the walls (medium strength painter's tape).

3. Door Decorating Contest:

- All 1st period high school classrooms and all elementary homerooms will participate in a door decorating contest. The theme for the doors will be Christmas or Winter Holiday theme. **The doors will need to be completed by 9:00 am Tuesday, November 22nd (conference night).** The doors will remain decorated until our winter break begins (December 21st). We will ask that all teachers put a jar outside their door during parent teacher conference night. Parents will be encouraged to walk around and look at the doors. They will then be asked to vote for their favorite door. There will be one winner at the high school and one winner at the elementary school. The PTO will provide the winning rooms hot chocolate and doughnuts.
- The teachers and students will determine what design they want to do and when they will decorate (morning, after school, study halls, etc). The students will be encouraged to bring in materials, supplies, etc.
- We will have other door decorating contests throughout the year (Valentine's Day??)

4. Create a Pep Club:

- For students in grades 7-12
- Will charge a fee to belong (possibly \$10 a year). This fee will be used to purchase all Pep club members a t-shirt to wear, buy supplies for decorating, possible pizza parties, etc.
- We will deposit all money into the Principal's account for now. Next year, we can create a separate account for the funds.
- We already have students who have expressed interest in the Pep Club.
- We have someone who is willing to be the "advisor" of the Pep Club (there is no stipend for this position). If anyone else is interested in leading or assisting with the Pep Club please email Mrs. Sawicki.
- We will need to have an initial student meeting and student sign up for the Pep Club.

5. Other items discussed:

- Using social media to showcase what is happening in our district (Facebook, Drund, etc) Is it possible, would it be consistently updated, who would monitor it, etc?
- Instead of Flat Stanley create a Flat Rocket- share on social media

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.

