**Academic Excellence Committee Report (10-20-20)**

Called to order @ 3:35

In attendance: Andy Lyman, Gwen Anderson, Nate Schwieters, Suzy McIntyre, Ruth Thom

1. Review of initial goal for 2020-21 “In service to increase our student achievement, we propose starting with improvement of student attendance and building parent engagement”
2. Attendance issues are ongoing. Started a discussion of a change to the attendance policies. How would we measure any changes? What would be expected?
3. Ruth will brainstorm reaching out to students who are not logging in. How to inspire them? Create clubs/groups/podcast?
4. Student surveys to be created with mix of all-encompassing and grade specific questions. What do they need?
5. Discussion of parent and staff surveys
6. Parents want more AND less face-to-face and screen time. More/less homework.
7. Some parents expect a full 8 hours of face-to-face. This is not realistic. Homework time is part of their DL school day.
8. 2-3 hours daily of screen time is ideal.
9. How can we be more responsive to family needs in regards to students' education?
10. Additional parent night via Zoom? Gwen had 15 families the first round.
11. Teachers will gather their own information (surveys) at conferences. Feedback was not grade specific.
12. Staff feel a lot of frustration with attendance issues, technology, students/families making excuses, more/less PDs and meetings, stress/overload, parent buy-in.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:35

Next meeting date: November 18th @ 3:30