School Family Council Meeting Agenda

The Mount Washington School #221

September 11, 2019 - AGENDA

Agenda Topic	Facilitator	Timeframe	Notes
Welcome and Meeting Logistics Note taker: Tavian Cardwell	Johnson/Moffitt	5 min	
Principal's Update/SPP	LaLonde	30 min	School Performance Plan (SPP): • LaLonde desires more focus on community engagement to assist students with academic goals • Academic: 40% increase in ELA; Math dipped to 32% across the school; PARCC was used and some other measures like gradings, yet, the standardized test is being phased out and replaced with new test this year. • Attendance is another measure focused on. Chronic absences definition changed in FY 17-18. MWS saw a slight increase last year (19%-22%). We desire to include further breakdown in attendance report. Perhaps parent input into some adjustments like religious holidays can be advocated for to amend/update definition. • District wants a focus on Early Literacy. We want to move to a goal of 85% (presently consistent over last 3 years of 72% begin -78% ending). Could there be a way to incorporate more on Language Arts rather than Phonics based practice in our classes? • Achievement Gap: We see achievement gap between black and white in PARCC testing in Math, specifically. The new testing will not be the same as PARCC, but the new test will be the best trackers for analyzing progression. We need to ask ourselves where we are and how to address and adjust to best serve our children. The bigger question is how are the skills gained, shown and used in child's life as they continue? • Because we are not title 1, due to LB family income, we are not entered with weighted scoring. How can we capture the real data of the middle school.

			There are programs, such as summer immersion, to assist children with skills, but not everyone knows where and how to access those opportunities. • It was also noted that there was some teaching restructuring that affected middle school two years ago that are being curbed. • **Activity:** Attendees were asked place questions, suggestions, recommendations on the SPP Goals as it relates to the areas of Partnership, Community Engagement and SFC Alignment. • Attendees shared that they would like to see where the numbers come from to understand the stated goals of the school administration. It is paramount to understand what the teachers see in terms of the percentages for growth. • Attendees suggested finding ways to positively incorporate new students/transfers to the community, so class can be served for instruction. • LaLonde stated that this is the beginning conversation to bridge the alignment of SFC's work to support these SPP goals. His hope is to see these elements throughout our work this year. • Query for School Administration: What new initiatives/ideas were instituted this year to assist with orientation and teaching updates/
SFC Elections	ALL	20 min	The following individuals were elected to serve on SFC: Kindergarten: Amalie Ward 1st Grade: Tavian Cardwell 2nd Grade: Cora Welsh 3rd Grade: Shawnee Moore and Marshalynne Seavers 4th Grade: Deborah Harburger and Alicia Marner 5th Grade: Marshalynne Seavers 6th Grade: Laura Green 7th Grade: Tiffany Hancock and Deborah Harburger 8th Grade: Alicia Marner and Kimberly Moffitt Teacher/staff Reps. would be provided at the next SFC meeting.

Committee Reports • Safety and Climate • ILT • Attendance • Family and Community Engagement • Equity	Various	20 min	At this point, only the FCE Committee has met. The following activities are planned: • October 2nd Walk to School Day • October 12th Movie Night • Thanks to PTO we have Classroom Parent directory again, as well as classroom reps. Info will be sent to teachers with the option for adding classroom reps ClassroomParent.com – web portal for parents and for organizing classroom events, specifically. Classroom Rep – Person who interfaces with teacher regularly about needs and concerns. Equity: We would like to see this committee resurrected, especially considering the data for our Black students in the middle school. IB Committee: proposed as a new committee because of the forthcoming IB site visit later this year, as well as the discussion around expanding IB to the primary years program (PYP).
Rep Updates • Grade Bands • Teachers Community Members	Various	10 min	No updates at this time.

• Other Business/Calendar	Various	5 min	• IB site visit in the next few weeks; dates and needs to come from Ms. Martin • School Effectiveness Evaluation will occur in December • National Junior Honors Society – we will need a separate committee for this initiative, but we have formerly become members and will now create a process for selecting student members
• Next Steps	Moffitt	10 min	SFC Meetings for the year are as follows: Wednesday, October 16th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 13th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 11th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 15th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 12th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 11th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 13th @ 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 3rd@ (joint SFC & PTO gathering)
Q & A/Adjournment		5 min	Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.