



Fernwood School Engagement Council (SEC) Minutes

September 28, 2020

Location: Virtual-Google Meet

Report from Mr. Sanchez

1. District Policies and Bylaws for SEC were reviewed
2. Selection of officers/roles
 - a. The chairperson role was discussed Family members will consider the position and volunteer at the October meeting
 - b. Community Representative is Melissa Tashijan from Compost Crusaders. Previous student representatives have graduated. Jenni Navidad will work with the adolescent teachers to select a new representative.
3. MPS District Advisory Council Delegates- John Edquist and Laureen Anderson-Stepanek (Alternate: Danielle Hoffman-Miller). Thank you for representing Fernwood at these district meetings. First DAC meeting will be October 1st, 2020
4. FY21 Budget; 3rd Friday Enrollment Count-September 18, 2020
 - Actual enrollment-772
Projected-795, we are 23 under= \$78,000 to reduce from the 2020-21 School Budget-(see page 2- **Reductions in Board Budget 2020-21**) (June Enrollment was at 811 students--we lost 52 students total- we replaced 13 students--so our total loss was 39 students)
 - Maintained All Staff
 - Covid 19 Expenses-possible refund- **\$41,484**

-Montessori materials sent home:	\$27, 713
-Professional Development and Planning:	<u>\$13,771</u>
	<u>\$41,484</u>

(the above expenses does not include the 780+ chromebooks, Staff laptops/electronics, PPE materials, cleaning supplies, etc.)
5. Phase II and Phase III---Unknown time line at this point for moving to different phases. Fernwood staff will communicate any information as it is received. Parent had a question about the amount of notice families would be given as we move through each phase.
6. Parent Surveys: Fernwood has received 96 responses thus far from Fernwood families addressing what is going well about virtual learning and what has been challenging. Overall responses have been positive. Feedback will be shared with staff members in regards to what is working and areas for improvement. The survey will be open for one additional week. The link is available in the newsletter.
7. Parent/Teacher Conferences –
Monday – October 19, 2020 - 2:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Wednesday – October 21, 2020 - 2:30 PM – 6:15 P.M.
(Friday, October 23, 2020 – No School)
(Parents are able to sign up for Conferences online-Teachers will send links.)
Conferences with support staff, special education teachers, art, gym and music teachers are also available.
8. Assessment Calendar was reviewed by Kristy Lowell. Changes that will take place due to COVID were discuss. For instance, the Cogat will not be administered this year. The STAR Fall testing window was moved to Nov 2-Nov 24. A parent asked

how having some student take standardized test remotely and some in person will be weighed by the state. This is unknown at this time.

Submission of parent/student/staff concerns

Report from Jenni Navidad

~Families are encouraged to take the MPS Family Interest survey linked in the newsletter.

~Families are encouraged to attend the Title One meeting on October 15th at 5:30pm. It will be held virtually. Please check the newsletter for the link

~PTO is planning a virtual Halloween event for October 30th. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

