



Fernwood School Engagement Council (SEC)

October 20, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual-Google Meets: meet.google.com/vfi-ukoq-xvi

1. MPS District Advisory Council Report- John Edquist and Laureen Anderson-Stepanek (Alternate: Danielle Hoffman-Miller)
~ Laureen shared information from the October 1st DAC meeting. The meeting involved reviewing the format of the meetings and planning for future meetings. There was no information to bring back to the SEC for feedback at this time.
2. Board Meeting-October 27th, 6:30 p.m.- main topic: Phase II and Phase III
~ Families are invited to view this meeting virtually and to schedule time to speak in advance of the meeting.
3. FY21 Budget-Updates
~Fernwood is still waiting to hear if some of our Covid expenses to begin school virtually will be covered.
4. Materials Distribution Update-Elaina Sullivan, SST
~There have been 3 materials distribution dates thus far. In general, they have been successful. Parents have appreciated the boxes for organizing supplies. Fernwood families have done a great deal of volunteering preparing supplies which has been much appreciated. There continue to be some delays in the arrival of the art materials for distribution. Families will be informed when these items are ready.
5. Parent/Teacher Conferences – Updates
Monday – October 19, 2020 - 2:30 PM – 6:15 PM, completed
Wednesday – October 21, 2020 - 2:30 PM – 6:15 P.M.
(Friday, October 23, 2020 – No School)
~The first night of virtual family/teacher conferences was successful. Families appreciated that teachers asked for questions prior to the meeting to make the best use of time. Being able to join virtually, allowed some families to join conferences from work which was convenient.
6. STAR Assessment and Go Guardian-Kristy Lowell, Assistant Principal
~STAR testing will be in November. Grades 1-8 will be participating. Teachers will facilitate the testing virtually. Family assistance might be needed to help students log in. Testing will be scheduled during student’s grade level times.
7. School Improvement Plan (SIP)
~Cycle 1 and 2 of the Fernwood SIP plan are due on November 5th. Internally, our SIP will focus on continuing to improve the cultural awareness and sensitivity of staff. Equity for students both virtually and in person schooling is also a focus. The SIP will be shared at the next SEC meeting.
8. Report Cards-on the Parent Portal-contact Cynthia Arias, Secretary, at 294-1300
~Interim report cards are now available on the parent portal. Directions on how to locate interim report cards was provided in the newsletter.
9. MMSD, Fund for Lake Michigan and MPS Grant-Green Schools Playgrounds

~Fernwood has applied for this grant. It will be used to increase our green space on the West playground. This will be a 3 year process. Funding will hopefully be provided in a partnership with the grant, Camp Fernwood, the Fernwood Fund, and fundraising.

10. Fernwood Tech Tips-Resource Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fernwood-tech-tips/home>

[Thanks to Danielle Brannan (Manager-developer) and Elaina Sullivan (Contributor)]

Next Meeting: Monday, November 30, 2020, 5:30 p.m.