

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm.

## **Opening Remarks**

Introductions were made of current SEC members and an overview of how the meeting works. Structure of the council was explained which includes six parents, one community member, school principal, one teacher, one student representative and the parent coordinator. Peter Andersen and Paul R. (spelling?) were nominated and approved to continue serving as the co-chairs for the SEC council. Jenny Baker was nominated and approved to continue serving as the community member.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Review of April meeting minutes and then offer any corrections, if any.

## **School Culture**

### **School Climate Specialist**

Mr. Tahir Abdelmawla has been appointed to the new school position. Throughout the district the position is generally known as a 'Dean of Students' at the middle school level. The purpose of this position is to help alleviate stress from teachers in dealing with student behavioral issues so they can focus on content instruction. Mr. Abdelmawla will be leading PBIS efforts and implementing more restorative practices. To date, there has been a decrease in referrals in comparative to fall 2017. This decrease is attributed to the work Mr. A has been doing.

### **Attendance Data**

Historically Golda has maintained 95% attendance rate which dropped to 94% last year. Focus will remain on improving attendance with attention on training teachers to continue building relationships with students as well as emphasizing the importance of consistent attendance with families.

### **Communication**

We are using multiple forms of communication to inform our school community including the Remind messaging App, School website/calendar and Friday folders at the elementary level along with adding the sports calendar to the school website.

## **Academic Achievement**

### **High School Year End**

2018 First graduating Class had 94 graduating seniors with 90 continuing on to higher education. 10 million dollars in scholarships was awarded to Golda Meir students.

### **Grading System**

Parents will now have full access to their student's grade book in their parent portal account. The grading system will now include all assignments however the calculation will be different. For grades 3-8 only the piece of evidence with the highest grade will be counted. High school grades will be computed by average of all evidence. The grading scale will no longer be 100 point but now a 4 point grade scale with a final letter grade for high school students.

### **Vacant Positions**

There is still a position to be filled for a music teacher. Considering contracting with the Milwaukee Children's Choir for the elementary school. Mr. Benz has filled the position for the high school math position. Looking to hire a Middle school math teacher. A few options are being considered which include: wait until third Friday, continue accepting application,

overloading teacher schedules, condense classes and ask teachers to take on one more class or look for a long-term substitute teacher.

Ms. Bruno will be out for an extended period. An under-fill will be appointed in her absence with the announcement made by August 28, 2018.

## **Effective and Efficient Operations**

### **Elementary Campus**

Our administration is working to come up with a long-term plan to address the heat at the lower campus. Mrs. Carter has provided the students and staff with popsicles and coolers with cold water. Although there are financial decisions involved any ideas to help alleviate the heat are welcome.

### **3rd Friday**

Our projected student count is 1130 students with the current count at 1176. There is a waitlist at every grade level with the exception of some high school grades. Talk with Ms. Carter if there are any students who would like to enroll.

### **SEC Council Nominations**

The School Engagement Council is accepting nominations for the next two year cycle. The commitment will be for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years. If you are interested, please submit a nomination for yourself or someone else by 9/5 via a survey monkey. Voting will be open for two weeks and will close at the next council meeting on 9/24.

## **Student/Family/Community Engagement**

### **Parent Coordinator Update**

There was a great turnout for the Back to School Picnic. Over 180 students and their families joined the fun on the playground to enjoy games and hotdogs. 3 students won the raffles for FASH fee waivers and Ms. Bailey's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won a pizza party for most student attendance to the picnic.

The PTO fundraiser will be held on September 7. See Ms. Cohen for ticket sales.

A volunteer database is being put together to help streamline the parent involvement.

## **New Business**

It was brought up that the name for "Open House" should be changed. Some families feel the name implies a casual event when our night follows a schedule.

## **Announcements**

The next SEC meeting will be September 24, 2018

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.