**Medlock Bridge School Governance Council**

Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:54 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

This Meeting is Open for Public Comment

**Present**: M. Vance, Principal

M. Lawrence, elected teacher/Vice Chair

S. Jones, Elected teacher

K. Fowler, Appointed Teacher

D. Castel, Appointed teacher

C. Spragg, Community Member

T. Eisenberg, Community Member

H. Yang, Parent

M. Bradley, Parent & PTO President

**3:05 p.m. Call to Order by Ms. Lawrence**

**3:08 p.m. Action Item: Approve Meeting Agenda**

Motion- Terri Eisenberg

2nd- Folwer

Unanimous ayes

**3:12 p.m.** Meeting Norms read aloud by Mr. Vance

**3:14 p.m**. Team Building Activity led by Ms. Lawrence

**4: 20 p.m.** Motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes

**3:23 p.m. Action Item:** Approve August Meeting Minutes

Motion- Fowler

2nd- Castel

Unanimous ayes

**3:25 p.m. Public Comment / Virtual Comment Box Summary**

No new comments currently. No updates on previous comments.

**3:26 p.m. Discussion Item: Principal’s Update (Vance)**

1. Remote Learning Update
   1. Overall, our URL efforts appear to be going well. Slowly phasing in face to face school while remaining a remote learning option for those who choose to do so. Teachers are beginning simultaneous instruction. Simultaneous is teaching both face to face and remote learning students at the same time. It is proving difficult for teachers. Taking the results of this in consideration as we go forward to the next phase.
   2. Parents, please fill out the district Survey. It is very important.
   3. Students are phasing back into full time with first one day, then two, then five days/week in the school building.
   4. Results thus far regarding preference seem fairly evenly split.
   5. Managing the current environment
      1. It is proving difficult that students do not have books to support literacy goals. We see a need for a program that will put appropriately leveled readers in front of students. Reading A-Z would do this for about $6,500.

II. Discussion of possibility of spending funds

1. Safety items for in the building to help adhere to CDC guidance. When having to modify social distancing protocols, there are some safety devices to consider.
   1. Teacher space dividers range between $56-$89 each. Mr. Vance shared pictures of some possibilities to provide teachers for protections within the classroom.
   2. Student dividers may be in the realm of $10,000.
   3. Parent feedback regarding safety supplies from SGC member Angela Yang
      * 1. She feels face shields are actually safer than shields. Asking about procedures for students entering the building. Hand Sanitizer, Measuring temperatures? Mr. Vance explained that we are taking temperatures as much as possible and are able to do well so far. Hand sanitizer is available in all hallways and at the entrance to the building.
   4. Angela Yang- Reading A-Z (RAZ Kids) is an ebook program and she feels kids need less screen time and more physical books. Consideration needs to be made to sanitize them.

a. Clarification of STEM funds given by Mr. Vance

1. Discussion of various safety measures logistics and limitations
   1. Clarification of the features of RAZ Kids by Ms. Castel
   2. Parent input by M. Bradley- one more layer of protection (shields) may be just too much for kids who are already having to adhere to so many new rules.
   3. Discussion of how the safety purchases fit in with our SGC strategic goals
   4. Discussion of outdoor classes and eating options

**4:30 PTO Update-**

1. Not asking parents to help with big fund raisers. Fund raising is down 50%. Membership is down 50% as well. However, funds are available and are being used.

Teacher morale- treats and meals provided

Playground equipment provided

1. Eagle Scout is planning to do a garden overhaul

**4:35- Outreach Committee**- No update from committee

1. Mr. Vance shared some topics Dr. Parham plans to cover for parent communication. If there are additional topics to be added, please contact Dr. Parham.
2. Possibly better to have the outreach committee work on surveys to send and receive. Outreach Committee will convene to work on this.

**4:38- Finance Committee-** No update from committee

**4:40- Strategic Plan Monitoring Tool Focus**

1. Will continue toward academic literacy and math goals.
2. Community Collaboration may need to be emphasized at this moment.
3. Culture and Climate- School environment
4. Fiscal Responsibility

**4:42 p.m.-Action Items to approve spending**

1. Motion to Approve **$9000 for teacher dividers** –

First T.Eisenburg

2nd A. Yang

unanimous ayes

1. Motion to Approve **RAZ Kids $6,500**

First- Castel

2nd – Jones

Unanimous

1. Motion to Approve **$10,000 for student dividers** for when masks are off

First- T. Eisenberg

2nd- Castel

Unanimous

**4:50 Meeting Calendar –** set for

Oct. 20th at 3pm

Nov. 17th at 3pm

**4:52- Forward to next agenda**

1. Consideration of funds for student desks, outdoor seating, in addition to previous suggestions for SGC funds.

**4:54 Motion to adjourn**

1st- Castel

Second- A. Yang

Unanimously approved to adjourn

**4:54 Meeting Adjourned**