**Malcolm C. Hursey Montessori School**

**School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes**

**Oct 10, 2023 8:00am**

1. Introductions - Overview of the School Improvement Council. The SIC is a sounding board for the principal and school. All are welcome, and we will make sure that future meeting dates and agendas are publicized in advance.

2. New Building Updates - As of Wednesday of last week, we are looking at a possible Christmas move-in date. However, things could still change. This construction company has had some issues with completing our new building on time but they have had no prior problems with completing projects on time. The masonry and weather have been the biggest hurdles.

November 26th is still the expected date for construction to be complete. Dr. Schavel will send out an official memo with updates to our families after our meeting next week with district and construction personnel. As of right now our expected “move in” date will be over Winter Break with students starting school at the new building after break in January.

3. Schoolwide Math Goal- State report cards have yet to be released, but we know that our Math Scores are our area of focus for our school. Leadership team members are creating a new document that makes it easier for teachers to view the standards for each child. It will also make it easier to monitor data to see if each grade level standard has been taught, practiced, or mastered for each student. We want to make sure our Montessori curriculum is aligned with state standards.

4. Time for Questions/Suggestions-

* Will we need help with moving from parents? Yes, we are certain teachers would appreciate help; we just aren’t sure what that will look like right now.
* A discussion was had about the possibility of inviting volunteers to be “room parents” as we did pre-pandemic. This idea will be brought to teachers.
* A suggestion was made that we should create one document that helps coordinate all the volunteering opportunities/needs on any given day of the week that volunteers can sign up for.

Mr. Fludd gave an overview of the Liberty Hill program. Students are picked up after school from Hursey and work on Reading, Math, and social skills. They now have a Robotics club and have partnerships with Lady Gamecocks, Boeing, and Bosch. We are trying to support our students after school and give them hands-on experiences.  Schools from 8 schools across the district participate in Liberty Hill. There is a waiting list for this year; if parents are interested, they should contact Mr. Fludd.

Members in attendance today:

A.Pierson (Parent)

J. Bremer (Parent)

Kim Able (Instructional Assistant)

Robert Fludd (Community Partner, Liberty Hill)

Heather Levine (Instructional Assistant and parent)

Yami Arias (Instructional Assistant and Counseling Intern)

Allie Daniel (School Counselor, SIC Coordinator)

Timothy Schavel (Principal)

Tracey Calise (Instructional Coach)