

MPJH Community Council Meeting Agenda
May 28, 2020 10:00 AM Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:07 by Michelle Nylander, everyone welcomed. April minutes approval called for. Kellie Mudrow made a motion to approve, Kristin Blanchard seconded the motion. All present voted AYE. April minutes approved.

School safety was reported on by Principal Mudrow.

- The big issue is staying safe during corona virus.
- The school will be doing a re-vamp of its fire drill. This year we had students and teachers stand on the hill and trying to get away from that.
- Working on the procedure for return to school, assuming we are at normal levels. Social distancing and sanitizing plans are being put into place.
- There have been some rusty pipes that are being replaced with copper pipes. The locker room showers are being remodeled due to the plumbing, which will give decreased shower space, but increased changing room space.

The Current year Goals & LAND trust appropriations were reviewed by Principal Mudrow. Our spending is right on track, there were a few minor differences to the budget, mostly due to the soft closure. We still have an overage of approximately \$20,000 which will be put towards paying off the cloud book expense. It will cover about half of the expense and the council had previously approved any leftover spending to be utilized to update/purchase technology.

The School End of Year and soft closure update by Principal Mudrow said we still have about 80 devices not returned to the school. There were approximately 400 devices loaned out during the soft closure. Also, there are lots of books, and library books not returned. A fine will be placed on the students accounts if they do not return materials.

A review of next year's funding and goals was done by Principal Mudrow. The District came back and recommended a few changes to the 2020-2021 plan we had submitted. It was mostly changing some wording and not having end-of-year testing to compare. Goal #1 stayed the same, but the unit of measure will be different since we do not have the specific end-of-year testing available. Goal #2 is the same, but the assessment measure will be different. Goal #3 is now going to be based on Lexile scores and the Nearpod will be paid for by the District, so we are able to take that off the expenditure list. Goal #4 the Chinese teacher salary might be slightly higher, so we adjusted for that additional expense. Goal #5 the SEL goal had to be linked to an academic goal so wording was adjusted to meet DSD standards, but the expenditure was suggested to be a behavioral item. Kellianne clarified that we won't be able to use comparison tests this year but going forward we will again use tests to compare our students. Principal Mudrow agreed, that we need to compare our student progress and mastery to district, state and other schools like us, but without end of year testing this year we cannot do that. We will go back to that standardized test comparison hopefully after next year. We will use curriculum-based assessments within our school for the upcoming year.

Summit for 7th grade information is going to be rolled out in June. The teachers have had some training and the District is providing more training and some videos that will be available for parents. The mentoring and habits of success material will be available to all students, 7-9 grade next year. Our faculty will be meeting with other Jr High teachers in the district that are implementing Summit next year. The big focus for first term will be teaching the platform and program expectations to 7th graders. This program helps students be independent in using the system, like Canvas during the soft closure. Kellianne said she thinks this will be much better if the students know and understand the platform. This was a frustration voiced by several parents during the soft closure, there was not a uniform system and Summit will provide that. In addition, MPJ will be moving to a Canvas template to make that system more uniform for students and parents. The teachers have that template and are working on their courses for next year.

Michelle said this is our last Community Council meeting for this school year and wanted to update next year's Council member positions. We will have 3 open parent spots and 3 open employee spots. Typically, the school fills its employee slots during an annual meeting, Principal Mudrow said Ms. Holty is working on that. The parent spots are filled by a nomination/ election, held in late summer. Michelle said she would get with Kellie to work on this. Maybe a call for nomination prior to the 7th grade orientation would get some new parents of 7th graders involved.

Sunny Ford reported that the counselors have been busy with the summit plan also, doing modules and working on student schedules. The schedules will be available for students around the first of August.

Kristin Blanchard said the PTO has been busy and they had a successful 9th grade special recognition table. The 9th graders received a gift bag, had music and they did a wrap up. This was different since we didn't have an assembly and big announcements for awards. Lisa Gibson reported that some of the students didn't realize the significance of their awards, especially those that were a onetime award, meaning only one student received those awards. Linda Vaughn said she could post the information in MPJH Connects to give a special shout out to the award recipients. Kevin suggested that maybe a letter of congratulations be sent to each student, so they are aware of their award and significance. The PTO President for next year is Suzanne Schmidt.

Michelle recognized the visitor to the meeting, Debbie Washburn and thanked everyone for their participation and input on community council this year. Principal Mudrow thanked the group for their service and dedication, especially during her first year at MPJH. There will be a few faces we won't see again at both community council and MPJH next year. Lisa Gibson has decided to stay home with her children so will not be returning to MPJH as a teacher or on the council. David Phillips will be moving to a different school so he will not be returning either. A heartfelt thanks to both these teachers for their dedication to students and help on community council.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Kellianne and Osmond seconded the motion. All present voted

AYE. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.