

Friends of MRMS/HWRHS
October 7, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Lori Bouchard, Tricia Cooke, Pamela Milman-Stein, Melissa Keys, Lorraine Miller, Julian Myers, Jen Caufield, Leslie Jorgensen, Nancy Waddell, Ashley Hopkins, Amy Howell, Craig Hovey, Liz Lovell, Julie Kukenberger, Jenn Santo, Jesse Appel, Tess Leary

Minutes: Lorraine Miller and Julian Myers September minutes - approved

Superintendent: Dr. Julie Kukenberger

- Hiring in Central Office almost complete
 - Hired new director of maintenance operations
- Kindergarten - increased enrollment requires 7th teacher
- Need to hire 1 pre-school teacher and 1 teaching assistant; also looking for more peers in pre-school classroom
- Focused on building relationships with HW town officials
- Increase communication: district twitter feed - @HW_schools and monthly updates
- 4 Goals

Two District Goals

1). Successful Entry - learning about our 2 communities

2). Maintain Momentum

- Transition-proof district (better prepare for a situation like we had this summer where so many central office employees needed hiring)
- Document processes for sustainability

3). Personal & Professional Practice Goal

First time as superintendent in the state of MA. Enrolled in new superintendent training and has a mentor who she meets with six hours per month.

4). Student Goal

In the process of assessing multi-tiered support system in an effort to better serve all students. Pay particular attention to special education students.

Main concern is the budget but will have a better understanding of the budget after a full budget cycle and assess needs. Hoping to create a budget book. Each principal will present a proposal of their needs and prioritize pre-K-12. Concerns about the condition of track and fields at HWRHS. Discussion about recognizing religious holidays - staff should be understanding & inclusive.

Principal's Update (Craig Hovey, MRMS)

Open House - large turnout, preference for scheduled based model as far as the structure as opposed to team model. Recommendation for the Friends group to provide refreshments.

Allergy Aware School - Several cases of life-threatening allergies at MRMS this year. Heightened awareness - no food containing nuts in the classrooms; new cleaning protocol in the cafeteria;

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) School Safety Drills

ALICE Parent Information Meeting - September 25th - roughly 60 parents attended

All HWRSD staff trained in ALICE

Student drill - later this year - parents will be informed first

Wellness Fair - October 5th - Well attended. This will be held every 2 years - but need to determine the best time to hold it

School Committee Workshops: Great conversations - more work with school committee, teachers and the community.

Aspen Forms: MRMS rolled out online verification forms to make the process more efficient and so important medical/contact info can be updated much faster. All schools will eventually use this online system to update information.

October 11th - Faculty Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

October 22nd - Picture Retake Day

October 22nd - 8th Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM MRMS Multipurpose Room

October 22nd - Essex Tech Presentation for 7th & 8th graders

October 29th - 6th Grade Halloween Party right after school

October 28th - 8th Grade Freedom Trail Field Trip

May 19th -22nd - 8th Grade DC Trip (\$995) - financial assistance available - see Principal Hovey.

Exchange Program

Twenty one spanish exchange students from Burgos, Spain visited MRMS the first two weeks in Sept. Trip was successful. MRMS students going to Spain over Feb or April vacation.

January 12th - 18th - Donglu School (Chinese exchange) students at MRMS. More info to follow from Mr. Hovey.

MCAS Results

Strong improvement in Math and Science. Met or exceeded expectation. Strong performance in ELA.

MCAS Dates

English

6th Grade - April 2nd & 3rd

7th Grade - April 13th & 14th

8th Grade - April 6th & 7th

Math

6th Grade - May 14th & 15th

7th Grade - May 7th & 8th

8th Grade - May 4th & 5th

Treasurer's Report

Will discuss at November 4th meeting

Fundraising

Wrapping paper sales on target. Last day to order is October 15th. Email was sent to HS families.

Next meeting: MONDAY, NOV. 4th. Principal Tracy from the high school