

MINUTES

Superintendent's Advisory Council

January 31, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MISD BOARD ROOM

A. Welcome/Introductions and Check-In

Superintendent Colosky started the meeting at 9:05am and welcomed members of the 2017-18 Superintendent's Advisory Council ("SAC"). Individual introductions were made.

Those present included the following:

Name	Affiliation
Teachers:	
Susan Hamp	Island Park Elementary
Amy Kerby	Northwood Elementary
Casey Alin	West Mercer Elementary
Lauren Dolby	Islander Middle School
Evelyn Jimenez	Mercer Island High School
Classified Staff:	
Marcy Berejka	Islander Middle School
Mercer Is. Education Assn.:	
Mark Shafer, President	Mercer Island High School
Principal:	
Jamie Prescott	Mercer Island High School
PTA District Council:	
Melissa Neher	PTA Advocacy Council Co-Chair
Jennifer Flood	PTA Advocacy Council Co-Chair
MIHS Student Reps:	
Jon Ho	Class of 2018
Rani Woerner	Class of 2019
Parents:	
Suzanne Riley	IMS PTSA President
Nancy Weil	Lakeridge PTA Co-President
Lesley Poole	Island Park PTA President
Danielle Orr-Bement	Northwood PTA President
Joci Besecker	West Mercer PTA President
City Council:	
Debbie Bertlin	Mayor
Community Members:	
Dr. Goichi Shiotsu	Mercer Island Rotary Club
Jon Conradt	Mercer Island Clergy Assn.
Myra Lupton	League of Women Voters
Emmett Maloof	MI Chamber of Commerce
Cindy Goodwin	Youth & Family Services

District Adm:	
Donna Colosky	Superintendent
Fred Rundle	Asst. Superintendent
Rosie Burns	Director, Human Resources
Craig Degginger	Communications Coordinator
School Board:	
David D'Souza	MISD Board of Directors

Also attending: Jennifer Wright, Ty Bergstrom.

Review and Approve Minutes (October 25, 2017 meeting)

The minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Superintendent Topics:

1. Education Funding Update
 - a. MISD budget

MISD Chief Financial Officer Ty Bergstrom explained how the state has changed how funds can be used according to legislation approved by the Legislature on 2017. For example, additional dollars have been allocated for teachers' salaries to under the definition of basic education, but these dollars do not pay for such programs for K-5 Spanish, music, art and other programs that enhance our district.

The Replacement Educational Maintenance and Operation Levy would fund these enrichments, plus 38 percent of special education programs. Local levy dollars stay on Mercer Island. Ballots are to be returned by February 13. The citizens' committee has information on the advocacy portion of the ballot issue.

2017-18 Funding, Enrollments and Budget Implications—Fred Rundle

Title I funding

Numbers have returned to historical levels, although the District has been told we are potentially looking at a decrease in future.

Title II funding has seen dramatic decreases over the years in this area.

Title III, professional development to help English Language Learners – the District doesn't expect an increase for next year, even while ELL enrollment increases

The District is currently serving 179 ELL students, but 70 exited, however they continue to be followed them for two years after leaving the program.

Planning is underway for the 2018-19 budget, while waiting to see what decisions may be made at the state level. The District anticipates a small and steady enrollment growth.

Summer Capital Projects

Ty Bergstrom said the largest project will be a new roof for the high school. Some activities may be moved from the HS to other places because of the construction.

Other projects include new lighting at the stadium, continued elementary office renovations and evaluating Mary Wayte Pool. Pipes will be relined over spring break.

Emergency Communications

Superintendent Colosky discussed the student-initiated threat incidents in December and January. The District will be implementing a new School Messenger system in August that will allow for enhanced text messages, voice, and email to families.

Learning Services Update

A. Truancy and School Absenteeism

Fred Rundle said the District has been emphasizing the Importance of consistent attendance, including a letter sent to all families. Data show 9.1 percent of our students are chronically absent. The District is studying details of the nature of absences, demographics, getting weekly and monthly reports.

B. Washington state system for accountability

Jennifer Wright, executive director of Learning Services, reported on the new Washington state system for accountability, under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorization.

Accountability indicators include proficiency on ELA and Math assessments, academic growth, graduation rate, and ELL progress.

5. Board of Directors update

Superintendent Colosky reported that Brian Giannini Upton and Deborah Lurie were both elected in November to four-year terms. The Board reorganized with Tracy Drinkwater as president and Ralph Jorgenson as vice president. The Board has since been holding a retreat and workshops as it considers updates to the current 2020 Vision.

Future Topics

Please email the Superintendent with any ideas and concerns to discuss at the next SAC meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Adjourn/Check-Out

The meeting ended at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting, May 23, 2018, 9 to 11 a.m.