

School Council Minutes
January 30, 2017

Present:
Mark Wilson, Principal
Janet Our, Parent
Joy Jordan, Parent
Cheryl Mador, Parent

Unable to attend:
Cheri Armstrong, Teacher
Kathy Andrews, Teacher

The meeting opened with School Council members reviewing and unanimously approving the minutes from its December 19, 2016 meeting.

The meeting continued with members receiving a briefing on the school's initiative to strengthen student citizenship and leadership. Beginning next Monday, February 6th, MRMS will once again sponsor its SHARK citizenship initiative, where students earn staff signatures for displaying conduct that is Self-Directed, Hard Working, Attentive, Respectful and Kind.

Students will receive an informal "Shark Shout-Out" for earning 12 signatures (1/2 of the sheet) and formal recognition in the way of a custom pullover, dog tag, and celebration breakfast for completing the entire sheet. SHARK sheets will be distributed to students on Monday, February 6th.

The meeting continued with members reviewing the school's grade-level MAP results from our winter administration. The results were shared as a "four-square", which provides a visual of our students' growth and achievement, and a summary of student performance by grade level. School Council member commented positively on the growth and achievement results, especially for grade 6 and 7, and recommended that school administration host a MAP informational night where the summary results could be shared with parents, where parents could receive their own child's scores, and where a Q&A session could address concerns and questions. The MRMS building admin will set up a MAP informational evening to run prior to February break.

The members also reviewed the course descriptions for the grade level enrichment seminars, and commented positively on the prevalence and popularity of challenging math and STEM enrichment seminars.

The meeting continued with members approving a school proposal to recognize and celebrate student growth during Q3 using MAP data. Before February break, the school will run its quarterly "Stars and Bars" recognition at lunch, where students who earned a place on the honor roll or who demonstrated strong growth on the MAP tests receive a "Star" to put on the wall and an ice cream "Bar."

The meeting concluded with school council members receiving a quick update on the school-wide, one-to-one Chromebook initiative set for roll-out in fall of 2017. For households that DO NOT have either Wi-Fi or a computer that is accessible to students at home, MRMS is seeking ways to provide those students with a take-home Chromebook and a take-home Wi-Fi hotspot. These efforts will help ensure that all MRMS students have equitable access to technology.

The next School Council meeting will occur on Monday, February 27th.