

# Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

January 19, 2024

8:30–9:30 am

Virtual Meeting

[Meeting Link](#)

## Meeting Norms

Be present and share your presence

Be real, but be hopeful

Be prepared

Be solution-oriented

Maximize our time to maximize impact

Seek out and honor all perspectives

**Attending Online:** Alayna Davis (co-chair), Gloria Cazanacli (co-chair), Mercedes Walker (principal), Carina Aleckson, Lynn Pyfferoen, Robyn Nooney, Cori Mattke, Sharon Delcambre, Kaitlin Zurn, Michael Hauge

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions	What is one thing that you feel like is going really well at Hiawatha/Howe?	Principal Walker	10 min
Review Agenda - Is there anything we should add?	No additions.	Principal Walker and Co-Chairs Alayna and Gloria	2 min
<a href="#">Review of Last Meeting</a>	Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quorum is 50% of membership</li><li>• Decision making will be consensus based or <math>\frac{2}{3}</math> of vote of members in attendance if consensus is not reached</li><li>• Meeting notes will be recorded in agenda for continuity</li></ul>	Co-Chair Alayna	2 min
Caregiver Update	Notes will be taken at the 1/22/24 PTO meeting and concerns/information will be shared with site council at next meeting.	Co-Chairs Alayna and Gloria	8 min

	Recommended having a standing agenda item for both site council and PTO to share updates and info between committees.		
<b>Principal Update</b>	<p>Walker gave an overview of the MPS <a href="#">Pro-Forma Financial Projections</a>. Enrollment projections show a decrease in enrollment over time. MPS staff have asked finance to recalculate projections to use more current figures (post-pandemic) and stabilizing enrollment.</p> <p>Council discussed avenues for sharing concerns and getting engaged in school board decision making: engaging with school board representative, attending meetings/discussions, and submitting public comments.</p> <p>Council will review the Pro-Forma before next meeting and will bring forward questions and/or concerns. Pro-Forma provides background and context for HHCS budget discussions that will begin in February.</p> <p>What is the role of site council in shaping the financial future of MPS? Walker will come back to council with more information to answer this question.</p>	Principal Walker/AP Enck	8 min
<b>Teacher and Staff Update</b>	Still on the lookout for an Special Education Associate for our Developmental Cognitive Delay program and a part-time Special Education Resource Teacher at Howe	Principal Walker and Co-Chairs Alayna and Gloria	8 min
<b>Main Topic</b> <b>Budget Preparation</b> -What are our values? -What should we prioritize? -If we had an unlimited budget what would we	<p>Council began discussing its values and priorities. Initial values/priorities include:</p> <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality education for all students</li> <li>• Equity and diversity - families, students, and staff feel represented,</li> </ul>	Principal Walker and Co-Chairs Alayna and Gloria	20 min

<p>like to have/do?</p>	<p>supported, and like they belong in HHCS community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support of school staff - both material and emotional support</li> </ul> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff have the materials that they need to be successful</li> <li>● Adequate staffing</li> <li>● Staff retention</li> <li>● Being efficient and strategic with school resources</li> </ul> <p>Walker will provide a sample school budget to the council to help members understand how they are structured and what expenses are included.</p> <p>For future discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What does "adequate staffing" mean?</li> </ul>		
<p>Questions and Closing</p>	<p>Would we be willing to have a special meeting (maybe dinner and childcare provided- evening) to dig into the budget once the numbers come out?</p> <p>Members expressed willingness to have a special meeting. Maybe held online or in-person. Timing will be discussed.</p>	<p>Principal Walker and Co-Chairs Alayna and Gloria</p>	<p>2 min</p>