

**Northwestern Middle School
School Governance Council
August 20, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to Order at 7:39 a.m. by Travis Allen. A quorum of members was present for the August 20, 2021 Council Meeting held in the Northwestern Middle School Media Center.

Attendance

Joel Peterson, School Principal	Ashley Poston, Appointed Staff
Catie Simpson, Appointed Staff	Thom Peer, Community Member
Travis Allen, Elected Parent	Ivy Downey, Elected Teacher
Lisa Webb, Community Member	John Assadzadeh, Elected Parent
Michelle Cardillo, Elected Parent	Rebecca Yun
Julie Zahner-Bailey	Katherine Wickliffe

Action Items

Approved Agenda for August 20, 2021, meeting - Motioned by Michelle Cardillo and Ivy Downey, vote unanimous.

Approved Minutes from July 23, 2021, meeting – Motioned by Lisa Webb and Thom Peer, vote unanimous.

Approved ALEKS Software purchase – Motioned by Lisa Webb and Ivy Downey, vote unanimous.

Discussion Items:

- ALEKS renewal software – Julie Zahner-Bailey explained the enrichment and benefits of ALEKS. Benefits include differentiated assessments, ALEKS meets students at their current level, ALEKS continues into high school curriculum, can access the standards beyond middle school.
- Value Added Flexibility Waiver
- PBIS – Catie Simpson PBIS chair, introduced an incentive for good behavior from our local budget. Bookworm Vending Machine. Students would be able to use their points in between the PBIS Store - Instant reward. Books can be customized, and NMS will have an online store at Amazon. NMS is working toward an operational school. Location of machine is TBD.

Information Items:

Principal Update:

- Staffing/Enrollment Update – Seat Day is today. Total count is 1156. The number has gone up and down. Expecting to add a connections teacher, 1 general education teachers. Schedules will change with the addition of teachers.
- Milestone Data – 40% participation, 95% is Reading goal, 89.5% is NMS Reading score (2nd highest), 93% was previous Milestone in 2018.

- Carpool – We have volume in morning and afternoon. We ask parents to have children ready to get in or out of car during carpool
- Covid Update- Currently 11 students in quarantine. Numbers are not higher than last year.
- Protesters on August 19, 2021 – There was a question between City of Milton and School Police on the property lines. No protesters allowed on School Property.
- Principal Peterson talked about speaking with a local artist who will add aesthetic value to NMS campus.

Announcements and Adjournment:

- Next meeting will be Friday, September 17, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center.
- Agenda items include – Data Bookworm Vending Machine, PBIS, add aesthetic value around the school.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Motioned by Travis Allen and Ashley Poston, vote unanimous.