

Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

March 13, 2024

8:00–9:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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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), Mercedes Walker (principal), Kimberly Enck (vice principal), Tara Fitzgerald (principal on special assignment), Kierstin Rosenow, Margaret Kelly, Sharon Delcambre, Cori Mattke, Carina Aleckson, Kierstin Rosenow

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Co-Chairs Alayna & Gloria	4 min
Review Agenda Is there anything we should add?		Co-Chairs Alayna & Gloria	2 min
Review of Last Meeting	Notes from the March 8, 2024 meeting have been posted.	Co-Chairs Alayna & Gloria	2 min
Main Topic: Final Budget Recommendations	Overview of budget survey and proposed scenarios: <ul style="list-style-type: none">POSA Fitzgerald and Principal Walker presented an overview of suggested priorities from the budget survey and walked	POSA Fitzgerald, Principal Walker	50 min

	<p>through potential scenarios with pro/cons; details of survey results and scenarios are available in the budget recommendations slides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO cannot supplant the supply budget, only add to it • Committee discussed the functionality of split grade classrooms and principal Walker expressed that it could be a good option to keep class sizes down; committee expressed support for efforts to reduce class sizes • Committee expressed that instrumental music is also a priority, there may be creative ways to introduce instruments through music specialists; all instruments are district owned, which provides flexibility • Committee discussed the potential challenges of hiring positions that are below the threshold for earning benefits, could make recruitment and retention difficult; specialty licensed positions are also difficult positions to fill 		
Questions and Closing	Next steps after the budget is finalized is to build the master schedule and explore how the school community can help support and supplement the plan for the coming school year.	Principal Walker and Co-Chairs Alayna & Gloria	2 min
Next Meeting Time	Friday, April 19 at 8:30 AM to review final budget recommendations.	Co-Chair Alayna Davis	