

**Meadowfield Elementary School
School Improvement Council
Thursday, November 11, 2021 6:00pm (virtual)**

The monthly meeting of the MES School Improvement Council was called to order by Principal Lisa Davis. Those in attendance were Nancy Stoudenmire, Anna Moore, Sara Suber, Alexis Wright, Michael Doire, Amanda Harris, Richard Moore, Sylvia Rogers, Christie Martin, Maggie Adams and Jessamine Grice.

Alexis Wright, Chairperson, led the meeting.

Minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report:

Tomorrow is an early release day. Teachers are doing professional development in the afternoon.

Next Wednesday, November 17, 2021 is a School Spirit Night at Chipotle.

This year there is no school for the entire week of Thanksgiving. This is rare and wonderful, due largely to no disruptions from hurricanes.

Benchmark testing is scheduled December 1-15th.

There are positive indications that annual activities are resuming at Meadowfield as COVID numbers decline. December 3rd is a Paideia coached project for all grades: Dancing through the Decades. Parents of Kindergarteners will be permitted to come in person for the performance which will be handled similarly to the 5th grade graduation exercises in May 2021 (outdoors, staggered times for classes, masks and social distancing).

Music and Strings Program will have a concert in the cafeteria on December 2nd which will be recorded for parents to later enjoy. On December 13th the chorus will sing. Both of these events will be shared within the school.

Ms. Sylvia Rogers promotes a reading event and encourages fathers to attend. A fabulous book is being taught. Only two parents participated last time.

Awnings: If all materials are delivered on time, awnings will be installed over Christmas break. Supply chain concerns factor in but Ms. Davis remains optimistic. These awnings would cover both the carpool lane and the front of the school.

Principal Davis presents a slide show entitled "DATA Talk."

Enrollment is up to 642. Ethnicity breakdown is similar to the previous year. 6% of students have Limited English Proficiency, 13% are in Special Education. Nancy asks what a typical percentage of Special Education students is. Ms. Davis replies that she has always seen 10-15% over her career.

Meadowfield has many programs to address Special Needs. Previously children were consolidated at schools other than where they were zoned based on clustering them with others with their disability (speech, emotional, etc...)

STAR Testing- Correlated to SC Ready. The state mandates that every school has a testing program 3x per year. STAR measures Student Growth Percentiles. 65% is the goal and Meadowfield has met this in Literacy and Math.

Question: Last year out of 300 kids that should have been tested, approximately 40-50 students were opted out by their parents. Ms. Davis does not anticipate this happening again this year because of consistent classroom instruction. Ms. Davis reviews strategies used by teachers to help students thrive.

PTO Update from Anna Moore:

Last week Krispy Kreme donated coffee and donuts for all teachers.

The school is in the middle of the first big fundraiser in the past couple of years: a read-a-thon. Already the students have raised over \$18,000 which is incredible. Katie Moore is the fundraiser coordinator this year. This event is praised by members. Over 90% of the money raised is kept by the school.

Teacher's Report from Dr. Sara Suber:

No updates.

Parent's Concerns:

None.

Community Concerns:

Nancy Stoudenmire as President of the South Meadowfield Neighborhood Association reports on several planned neighborhood events.

On Sunday, November 21st a First Responders Parade is planned. Donations will be collected during the parade to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank. On December 18th at 6pm 2500 luminaries will be distributed and lighted along the sidewalks. At least 60 PDQ gift cares are being bought from the PTO to give to all the First Responders who are participating. Each participant will receive \$20 worth.

Ms. Davis recalls that tomorrow is High Five Friday with the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The Mustang Trot Food Drive is taking place next week to benefit Harvest Hope Food Bank.

The SIC agrees not to schedule a December 2021 meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm