

**Meadowfield Elementary School
School Improvement Council**

Monthly Meeting
December 10, 2020
5:30 p.m. by Zoom

The monthly meeting of the MES School Improvement Council was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Michael Moore, at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: (I did not get all 10 names).

Present: Dr. Michael Moore, Nancy Stoudenmire, Principal Elyse Davis, Art Coogler,

Absent:

The minutes were sent by Erin Granger by email to all members; there were no recommendations for changes. The minutes were approved.

Ms. Davis gave her Principal's Report.

- Property Update: No progress has been made on the parking lot.
- There is now new, black fencing that has been placed on the left hand side of the school. The fence is higher and there is a double chain link gate to enter where the staff parking lot is.
- Personnel: Ms. Davis reports that the school enrollment continues to remain at 601 students which is 125 students less than last year. She was pleased to report that the District has decided in the last two week that there will be no reduction in staff. This allows her to create smaller classes especially in the lower grades where they need the most help.
- Updated Enrollment: The statistics on enrollment were sent to all Council members earlier today. There are 601 students. By race, this breaks down to 69% black, 21% white, 9% Hispanic, and 2% Asian and other races. Currently we have 155 of 601 (26%) students in the Virtual School Program.
- Mid-Year Star Testing is about 65% completed. Ms. Davis will have all of this information for our next meeting. She is very pleased with the results in the tests that have been completed considering the challenges of this year.
- There were no additional questions concerning the Principal's Report.

PTO Update: No one from the PTO was available to make a report. Ms. Davis said that the Wednesday morning coffee bars have been a tremendous morale booster. The teachers love it. The cost was running about \$100 a month, but the major part of that cost was the disposable cups. They have switched to "bring your own mug" and this reduced the costs considerably. The PTO continues to have some fundraisers, but because of Covid, this is difficult. The PDQ cards are still being sold. Additional revenue is coming from special birthday announcements

on the street marquee. Ms. Meyers-Jeffcoat mentioned the MeadowFeed Program continues. Every Wednesday by 9:00 am food is picked up by volunteers and brought to the school. PTO continues to need volunteers for pick up at the District feeding office.

General Information

- Teachers: Nothing to report. Ms. Davis said she is very pleased with how positive the staff remains and is also pleased with how they have adjusted to all the changes.
- Parents: Ms. Adams said she was concerned about the younger students picking up their food at the end of each day. They carry the food, their laptop, and their backpacks. Can a pickup time be arranged earlier in the day for the parents? Ms. Davis said that this week the student had 5 milks, 5 fruits, and 5 juices. Adjustments are ongoing to feed the student when they are not on campus.
- Community: Nancy Stoudenmire thanked MES for painting the signs for the neighborhood parade that were placed in front of the school. She reported that there were over 1,000 people along the streets including MES students. The community was very pleased with the first time project. December 19 will be the neighborhood luminary project along Galway and Byron Streets: South Meadowfield Neighborhood Association has asked all houses behind the VA to participate. Nancy will personally be putting about 20 bags in front of the school on the street that day and will light them on Saturday and clean up on Sunday. The rain date is December 20. Ms. Davis reminded Nancy there is no school starting on December 21.

SIC members agreed to research the parking lot history and present as a line item on the January agenda.

Nancy Stoudenmire stated, recognizing HIIPPA concerns, that there was an article in the State paper concerning the numbers of COVID-19 cases by school. Meadowfield had less than 5 occurrences. Have the numbers been increasing like the rest of the State in the last two weeks? Ms. Davis said that overall, she could control things between 7:00 am and 2:30 pm; however, she cannot control 2:30pm -7:00am. But still, the numbers are low. She suggested that all Council members check out the Dashboard on Richland One's website; she will send everyone the link. This will keep all SIC members updated. Nancy wanted to compliment all of the staff; they are doing a great job to keep the numbers that low.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Nancy Stoudenmire
Vice Chair, SIC