Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Notes

September 20, 2024

8:30-9:15 AM

Virtual

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

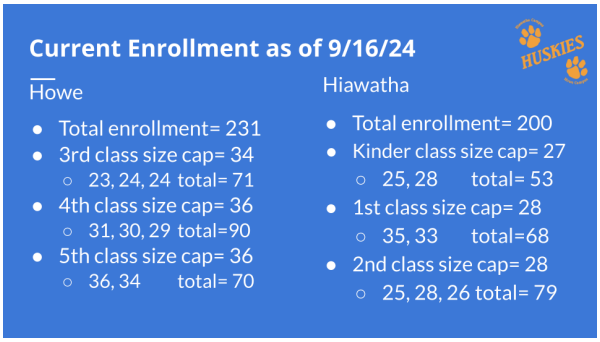
HHCS GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

Attending Online: Alayna Davis (co-chair), Gloria Cazanacli (co-chair), Mercedes Walker (principal), Kimberly Enck (vice principal), Sharon Delcambre, Cori Mattke, Carina Aleckson, Margaret Kelly, Harrison Davis, Lynn Pyfferoen, Rachel Aldrich, Abigail Armstrong

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	5 min
Review Agenda	Additions made to agenda below.	Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	2 min
Review of Last Meeting	Main focus areas from 2023/2024 school year: • Establishing governance standards • Recruitment of site council members, specifically Hiawatha teacher, community member,	Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	5 min

	and student representation • Budget and staffing, and their effects, on Hiawatha/Howe An invitation was extended to a community member late last year, will follow-up to see if they are still interested in serving on the council this year. Council admin team will discuss open seats and priorities for recruitment in advance of the next, full council meeting.		
Caregiver/PTO Update	PTO Updates: • PTO officer group is mostly new this year and the team is learning together at the beginning of the year • New merch was available during Open House at both locations and has been really popular • Plan is to rotate in-person meetings, switching between Hiawatha and Howe. Hybrid and virtual meeting recordings will be available on the PTO website • Next big focus area is preparing for Move-a-Thon, Hiawatha/Howe's biggest fundraiser for the year • PTO has focused energy on playing a volunteer matchmaker role this year, to help support teachers and staff during breakfast/lunch and in classrooms during the year • Working on having text communication available with PTO • PTO is started a new Community Forum portion of the PTO	PTO Rep Aleckson	10 min

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<td>meetings, to open up the agenda for attendees to share updates and announcements

Principal Walker reflected that the process for teachers requesting assistance or funding from PTO has been easy to understand and navigate so far.</td>
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<td>Principal Update</td>
<td>Enrollment update:


A Hiawatha/Howe parent filed a public data request to find out 1st grade enrollment numbers throughout the district. Hiawatha's 1st grade classrooms are the largest in the district. Council is also interested in getting more data on the classroom teacher formula as well. Principal Walker will connect the parent volunteer with Delcambre for further exploration.

Staffing adjustment timeline update:
In order to ensure there is enough time to clean up the "no show" 15 day drop data, the staffing adjustment timeline has been slightly altered. The adjustments will not alter the expected completion date.

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<tr><td>Sep 3</td><td>First day of school</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Sep 27</td><td>Principals notified of gain or loss of position</td></tr>
<tr><td>Oct 4</td><td>Notify union of movement</td></tr>
<tr><td>Oct 7-11</td><td>Canvassing and notification of impacted staff</td></tr>
<tr><td>Oct 14-17</td><td>Staff physically move or additional funding provided</td></tr>
<tr><td>Oct 17</td><td>All remaining moves are completed (MEA)</td></tr>
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Principal Walker continues to advocate for an additional teacher in 1st grade, rather than an AE position.
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<td>Teacher and Staff Update</td>
<td>Howe Update:
• Focused on community building in these first couple of weeks
• The Gaga Ball pit will be getting new wood chips this weekend! Thanks to PTO
• Teachers have been doing a wonderful job and working together to implement new curriculum this year

Hiawatha Update:
• Beyond large class sizes, things are going well so far
• Breakfast in the cafeteria has been going smoothly
• Staffing continues to be tight and operations have been a big adjustment this year, still working on putting the puzzle pieces together
• Amazeworks has been really well received thus far</td>
<td>Teacher/Staff Rep Pyfferoen (Howe); Principal Walker (Hiawatha)</td>
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<td>Main Topic</td>
<td>Due to time constraints, the following topics will be discussed at the October council meeting:</td>
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	• Council quorum • Howe playgroup • Recruitment of volunteers for Fridays		
Questions and Closing			