Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

October 25, 2024

8:40-9:10

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, Abigail Armstrong, Peggy Winchell, Kaitlin Zurn

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	2 min
Review Agenda	No additions.	Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	2 min
Review of Last Meeting	PTO Rep Aleckson provided an update on PTO activities and the effort to recruit volunteers to support teachers and staff during breakfast/lunch and in classrooms during the year. Principal Walker provided an enrollment	Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	5 min

	and staffing adjustment update. Since the last meeting, it has been announced that Hiawatha will be getting an additional first grade teacher.		
Caregiver/PTO Update	Second PTO meeting was on Monday night, will continue to rotate between Hiwatha and Howe in-person locations. Meetings will be automatically recorded moving forward. Book Fair is at the end of November. Planning is beginning now and more information will be shared soon. New HHCS merchandise will be available at the Book Fair too (e.g. husky tote bags). Expressed concern about the lack of consistent, qualified DCD teacher at Howe. This is now the second year of this pattern. Combined with the tours that took place at both schools this week (related to future school closures), this is causing caregiver anxiety and a sense of disinvestment at our schools.	PTO Rep Aleckson	5 min
Student update	Harrison Davis and Ms. Walker are working on recruitment for student council and safety patrol. Goal is to get safety patrol running by the beginning of second quarter.	Student Rep Harrison Davis	5 min
Principal Update	While our schools do have students who are homeless and highly mobile and who are English language learners, Hiawatha/Howe doesn't get any Title 1 funding. This reduces the amount of resources we have to support all students. District is doing walk-throughs of schools to update floor plans,	Principal Walker	5 min

	understanding how spaces are being used, what space needs there are as they make plans for the MPS school transformation process. Walk-through of Hiawatha and Howe this week. First grade teacher position has been posted. Candidates will be screened and sent to Principal Walker after the position has been posted for five days - anticipate receiving them Wednesday or Thursday next week. Walker will provide an update in the next school all-call communication.		
Teacher and Staff Update	Conference attendance and engagement was high. Third grade is doing leaf science exploration and will start learning about elections and why they are important next week. Move-a-thon went well! Prizes will be sent home with students today. Work on report cards has started.	Teacher/Staff Rep Pyfferoen (Howe); Winchell (Hiawatha)	5 min
Main Topic	Due to time constraints, the Council did not discuss focus areas for the year 2024-2025 school year. Co-Chairs will come up with a list of ideas/options of what Site Council should focus on and will connect with members via email to gather initial ideas. Council will discuss areas of focus at November meeting. Sample topics have been posted in the working agenda document.	Principal Walker; Co-Chairs Davis and Cazanacli	2 min
Questions and Closing			