Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

January 17, 2025*

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), Abigail Armstrong, Lynn Pyfferoen, Carina Aleckson, Alayna Davis, Harrison Davis, Chris Jones, Peggy Winchell

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Enck, Davis, Cazanacli	5 min
Review Agenda	DCD update and principal updates added to the agenda and noted below.	Enck, Davis, Cazanacli	2 min
Review of Last Meeting	PTO updates on the Book Fair and Moon Palace Books. Student Council update on getting school patrol up and running. Discussed and made a plan for a State of Schools assessment for Hiawatha/Howe that would be conducted by Site Council.	Davis, Cazanacli	2 min
Caregiver Update	**Playground Update** • Team of caregivers have been	Davis, Armstrong,	8 min

	looking into updating the Howe playground– currently scoping the options for replacing the playground in its entirety ● Team has been involving Student Council in exploring what features they would want in a new playground and discussing fundraising and what steps it will take to replace it ● Team is meeting with the MPS school official who oversees building facilities on Thursday 1/23, to discuss ideas and what kind of footprint increase is viable – MPS owns the land that the Minneapolis athletic field is on, it is rented to the Park Board ● Team is working to establish a timeline and potential funding opportunities ● Howe playground is not on the MPS priority list for replacement, because it has not reached the end of its useful life ● Team is exploring options for repurposing the current equipment (e.g. transferring to another school) ● Shade has been identified as a priority in redesign, in addition to the overall size of the playground ● Team and other parents are looking into getting more picnic tables at Hiawatha and Howe to create more seating and outdoor lunch and classroom space **Free Bikes 4 Kids Recap** ● Event went really well, almost all of the bikes have been donated ● Exploring options of how to	Aleckson	

	use/donate the bikes that are leftover • Donated 75 bikes to kids! **DCD Update:** • Due to the extended delay in getting a DCD teacher for Hiawatha/Howe, some DCD families have decided to open enroll in other schools • Aleckson is drafting a letter that outlines the delays in DCD support and the reasoning behind families leaving the Hiawatha/Howe community **PTO Updates:** • Math Puzzle Party (January 31) – event being sponsored in partnership with Lake Nokomis area schools, volunteers are still needed, more info: https://jrmf.org/ • Playground Meetups – Will be held the first three Saturdays in February, need volunteers to help manage the snack/hot chocolate tables		
Principal Update	**Review School Improvement Plan (SIP)** ➕ Howe SY24-25 SIP ➕ Hiawatha SY24-25 SIP • Will be a recurring item on the Site Council agenda going forward • Progress on SIPs is evaluated quarterly **School Transformation Process** • Walkthroughs of buildings are now complete • District has a website where	Enck	5 min

	summaries from the walkthroughs is publicly available • More information on next steps will come out soon **Parent Survey**- District will be sending out a survey to all families, it's important to have as many people as possible to weigh in and give their thoughts for Hiawatha/Howe. Flyer of information will sent out		
Teacher and Staff Update	Schools hosted a Kindness Rally with Roosevelt High School participation. Also had a successful open house with Sanford Middle School. FAST testing will be completed this week.	Enck, Pyfferoen, Winchell	5 min
Main Topic	Team leading the State of the Schools was unable to attend the meeting today. An update on progress will be sent to Site Council via email and will be discussed at the February meeting.	Enck	
Questions and Closing		Enck	2 min

*December Site Council meeting was cancelled