Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Notes

March 21, 2025

Virtual

8:30-9:05

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), Peggy Winchell, Sharon Delcambre, Chris Jones, Margaret Kelly, Cori Mattke, Jessica Johnson

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Principal Walker and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis, Cazanacli	
Review Agenda	No additions.	Principal Walker and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis, Cazanacli	
Review of Last Meeting		Principal Walker and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis,	

		Cazanacli	
Caregiver Update	Go M.A.D event went really well, students even made advocacy calls for MPS. HHCS reached our goal of collecting enough plastic bags to receive a bench for the school.	Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis, Cazanacli	2 min
Principal Update	Student Council is planning a movie night for Howe in the near future. PTO school budget meeting went well. Budget was tied out according to what was discussed with Site Council and PTO. Principal Walker did over 50 kindergarten tours as a part of the school enrollment period. Walker has not yet received information about what our enrollment numbers are for next year, but information will be reviewed soon. Walker will share information in the All Call communication. A Comprehensive Needs Assessment will be done for Hiawatha, in compliance with Title I funding requirements. School leadership is considering doing a Comprehensive Needs Assessment for Howe at the same time. The Assessment will help school staff and leadership set priorities and work toward aligning funding behind them. Site Council will be involved in supporting the assessment process. Principal Walker is exploring opportunities to increase before/after school care options for HHCS families. Programs like the after school Lego and book clubs can be a draw for new	Principal Walker	30 min

	families. HHCS also has room to host a Mpls Kids classroom, Walker is looking into that possibility. In the past, Hiawatha has hosted Mpls Kids and a parent-run ZERO Hour before school. HHCS staff are working on building the master schedule. African American Parents Involvement Day (AAPID) was awesome. Went to the African American Heritage Museum and Gallery for a tour. Museum focuses on African American Heritage in Minnesota. Principal Walker will work on getting a PTO representative to attend Site Council meetings as well.		
Teacher and Staff Update	Today is World Down Syndrome Day, students and staff are wearing their Words Matter shirts and colorful socks to celebrate. Teachers and Ms. Grimshaw are helping students pick books that are reading level appropriate for the summer Scholastic book bags. This is a new opportunity, rather than just sending a preset selection of books. Students will get a say in which books they receive.	Teacher/staff representative	3 min
Special Project	For future agenda: State of the Schools Task Force update	Kelly and Delcambre	
Main Topic		Principal Walker	
Questions and Closing		Principal Walker and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis, Cazanacli	