Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

February 27, 2026

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

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Attending Online: Mercedes Walker (principal), Alayna Davis (co-chair), Hanna Sponberg (co-chair), Cori Mattke (secretary), Ingrid and Sadie (Student Council Liaisons), Abigail Armstrong, David Zaffrann, Damian Johnson, Kaitlin Zurn, Katie Bierlein, Kierstin Rosenow, Lynn Pyfferoen, Maryellen Hearn, Peggy Winchell, Samantha Pipkorn, Sarah Minette, Sharon Delcambre

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min
Review Agenda		Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min
Budget	Walker gave overview of budgeting process, referencing the FY27 Budget slide deck: FY27 Hiawatha/Howe School - School Bud... HHCS SITE COUNCIL/PTO Budget Feedbac...	Principal Walker	35 min

	Budget Feedback Form: Howe staff SY27 (... Budget Feedback Form: Hiawatha staff SY... SITE COUNCIL MEETING RECORDING Sound did not work, but it is transcribed and Spanish subtitles are turned on Family/Caregiver Budget Survey SY27 (Re... **Howe** • Projected enrollment numbers allow for 7.9 FTE, allowing for 3 classrooms in third, fourth, and fifth grade. Last year was 8.5 FTE, rounded up to 9 FTE • Walker is confident in the projected enrollment number of 224 • Funded for the most classrooms we could possibly have, given available space in the building • Total allocation for FY27 is $2,598,533, last year (FY26) was $2,581,470. Increase allows for salary increases and anticipated expense increases **Hiawatha** • 6.9 FTE which is slightly higher than last year. Kindergarten and first are capped at 24 per classroom, which is closer is where we want it to be • Hiawatha is back up to three sections for kindergarten and first, two sections projected for second • Projected number of kindergarteners is 60, which is the same as what we have been projected at for the last three years • All of the educators at Hiwatha will retain their positions this year and we will get to hire an additional position • Total allocation for FY27 is $2,135,898, last year (FY26) was $2,143,149. Decrease is the result of the loss of Title I funding. Hiawatha did not qualify for Title I funds for FY27. SY27 Free and		

	Reduced Lunch (FRL)/SNAP percentage is 30.9% and threshold for Title I is 35% **General Notes** • Class size counts are finalized in October, budget numbers are somewhat fluid until then • Community share-out of budget projections is scheduled for Monday 3/2 • Advanced learners was reduced this for next year from 0.6 to 0.4, based on enrollment of qualifying students • Budget for translation services has been reduced because we are able to meet that need with people that are physically in the building • All small schools have gone from a 0.5 to a 0.2 media specialist • No cuts for special education teachers at either school • Instrumental music was maintained for next year as well • New this year, PTO could pay for supplies to free up funds to pay for additional staffing. Walker will discuss with PTO Detailed budget summary: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YM-Sg2M4UZJ9BXWu6Oi-nIY921osIxEp/edit Site Council and PTO members are encouraged to submit budget feedback: https://forms.gle/FBhSotnEjTURm4W88		
Survey	School transformation survey is still open. All site council members are encouraged to submit their feedback: https://mpls.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3luGR5dntNqW4oS		1 min

Questions and Closing		Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min