



**Harney Middle School (HMS)
School Organizational Team Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2024
3:00 pm**

The Harney Middle School - School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm on December 12, 2024. The meeting was held in the PLC Room (room 602).

Voting members attending in-person or virtual:

Principal: Phongsavanh Skvarek
Licensed Staff: Tara Bunker, Zachary Edwards
Parents: Jasmine Durham, Megan Farnsworth, Ashlee Merback
Support Staff: Kim Hawthorne

Voting members absent:

Licensed Staff: n/a
Parents: Natasha Williams

Additional non-voting attendees in-person or virtual:

HMS Admin/Staff: Ms. Brown-Whipple, Ms. Thurman, Mr. Shakespear

Additional non-voting attendees absent:

Student: Nic Roskelley

Agenda Items

- Welcome & Roll Call
 - The minutes from the November 2024 meeting were presented.
 - Motion by Merback, second by Farnsworth unanimously approved.
- Follow-up on action/outstanding items
 - HMS Admin to provide Farnsworth contact information from other schools receiving donation from the Raiders and Farnsworth will conduct outreach. **ACTION:** Continue follow-up
 - Admin to encourage English Teachers to give bonus assignment to classes to watch and provide feedback (i.e. share words spelled and definitions) to promote school engagement. **ACTION:** Message to be sent next week.
 - Treeline/American Beauty intersection update:
 - Shakespear met with Commissioner Segerblom and current solution is satisfactory. Also discussed the Hollywood/Vegas Valley interaction and a light will be installed there as part of planned construction.
- New Items
 - Plan of Operations (Thurman)
 - School Performance Plan updates are due Friday
 - Continuing to focus on setting intentions for each class.
 - Next steps include improving student engagement by increasing conversation.
 - Consultant support:
 - Dr. Johnson working with English teacher to share tips and hints to improve effectiveness. Once implemented, will be shared with all teachers.
 - HMM Learning literacy coach meets with Edwards weekly and has confirmed HMS is on par with expectations.
 - Staffing Updates (Skvarek)
 - Social Studies teacher started 12/5.
 - Math teacher started 12/9. Came 2 weeks early as a “volunteer” to get to know school and students!
 - Art teacher starts 12/16.

- Prior long-term Art teacher is moving to Computers.
 - An additional English teacher starts in January.
- o Facilities/Athletics (Brown)
 - Sports banners have all been hung in gym.
 - Requested four touch screens installed in cafeteria to share announcements with students.
 - Changing foods offered to healthier options.
 - Awaiting final walk-thru with camera installers to make final adjustments.
 - Sports teams are full, pending final grade checks.
 - League play starts 1/10.
 - Both boys/girls teams will play in tournaments over the winter break.
 - Looking into offering Cross Country – meeting with coach from ECTA.
- o Testing (Thurman)
 - Finishing MAP testing
 - ELA growth is awesome, moved from 22nd percentile last year to 43rd percentile this year.
 - Discussed anomalies identified in some Math tests.
 - ThinkCirca is being used which focuses on writing – more detail coming in January.
 - WIDA testing to start next year too.
- o Activities
 - Winter performing arts concerts going on now.
 - Choir doing Road Show at feeder schools tomorrow.
 - Band performing at Cunningham ES tomorrow.
 - Winter Formal next week.

Information

- Next meeting January 16 at 3pm in room 602.

Public Comment Period

- No comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.