



**Harney Middle School (HMS)
School Organizational Team Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2024
3:00 pm**

The Harney Middle School - School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm on November 21, 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:

Student: Nic Roskelley

HMS Admin/Staff: Julie Brown-Whipple, Sue Thurman

Community: Jan (visiting from ESEA) and Betty (visiting from UniServe)

Agenda Items

- Welcome & Roll Call
 - The minutes from the October 2024 meeting were presented.
 - Motion by Merback, second by Farnsworth unanimously approved.
- Follow-up on action/outstanding items
 - Parents sent letter to Trustee Cavazos and Commissioner Segerblom and action/response has occurred.
 - School admin is now working with county. Parks service rep (Shawn) is surveying to determine scope of work.
 - Discussion on potential donation of grass/turf from Raiders. School admin shared other schools have received this.
 - **ACTION:** HMS Admin to provide Farnsworth contact information from other schools receiving donation from the Raiders and Farnsworth will conduct outreach.
 - Bunker moved the Student Code of Conduct to the Student Tab.
 - Admin sent Student Code of Conduct survey to parents via ParentLink.
 - ParentSquare was presented to staff at recent Staff Development Day and decision was made to roll out starting in January.
 - Treeline/American Beauty intersection discussion tabled to next meeting.
- New Items
 - Plan of Operations (Thurman)
 - Plan has been uploaded to school website and includes status tracker.
 - This is updated every ~2 months and will reflect on website.
 - Staffing Updates (Skvarek)
 - Hired Science, English, Social Studies, SDL, and Art
 - Working to fill Star and 2 Resource positions
 - Facilities/Athletics (Brown)
 - Found source of water leak today and working on repairs.
 - Majority of cameras are up and running.

- Admin expressed and escalated concerns that there is more coverage in 600 & 800 hallways than in the 700 hallways.
- Shout out to Mike, the Head Custodian for escalating issues quickly and improving turnaround times for repairs.
- Work is ongoing to re-hang sports team banners in gymnasium.
- Basketball tryouts are going on now and both boys and girls' teams are participating in holiday tournaments.
- Discussion on soccer coaching position
- Testing (Thurman)
 - Currently MAP testing for ELA and then math – window closes soon, expect to have data at next meeting
 - Offering students a chance to earn a “Golden Ticket” for a chance to spin the wheel, when they see improvement in scores.
 - Principal's Challenge has started – offers students the chance to answer a few questions each week using NextGen Math.
 - 30% of students have started participating
 - ThinkCircus is being used which focuses on writing – more detail coming in January.
- Activities
 - Dare to Dream Assembly presented by CIS (Communities in Schools) and held last Wednesday.
 - Guest speaker Malcom messaged about not wearing labels.
 - Stuco is preparing a pep assembly for Tuesday 11/26 where they'll introduce sports teams
 - Fine Arts concert series is beginning soon
 - Drum Line has been added this year
 - Discussion focused on inviting them to perform at basketball games
 - American Education Week and Spirit Week are happening now
 - Recently held Student of the Month luncheon and recognition was provided to students excelling in classes
 - Farnsworth expressed appreciation for this and shared positive feedback from her daughter
- Spelling Bee Update (Roskelley)
 - Nic made it to the County Finals...CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
 - These will be aired 12/24 and 12/26 on Vegas PBS
 - **ACTION:** 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.

Information

- Next meeting December 12 at 3pm in room 602.

Public Comment Period

- Jan and Betty expressed appreciation to SOT for previous approval of the budget, which included incentives for support staff.
- Jan and Betty asked if the school had a Safety Committee, discussion ensued, including their offer to help support school admin. Contact information was exchanged.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.