Hiawatha/Howe Site Council Agenda

June 12, 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

HHCS GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

Site Council Email List HIAWATHA SIP HOWE SIP

Attending Online: Mercedes Walker (principal), Alayna Davis (co-chair), Abigail Armstrong (next year's PTO Co-President), Maryellen Hearn (parent), Leila Hassan (SIS), Monica Trent (Teacher), Peggy Winchell (Teacher)

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	PRESENTER	TIME
Warm Welcome and Introductions		Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min
Review Agenda	CNA Roles for next year Engagement survey	Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min
CNA Review	Comprehensive Needs Assessment -All MPS schools have undertaken this process and it is a requirement by MDE. Happens every 3 years per the ESSA cycle.	Leila Hassan	35 min

	-Staff, parents/caregivers, Site Council, PTO have been able to review data in different meetings.
	
	-Howe has been identified for Students of Color, Multilingual students, and Special Education Students.
	• Had goals of 5% increase in growth.
	• Growth for BIPOC students and SPED students
	• ML students had a decline- might be due to experience this year
	
	-5 step process for CNA
	• Reviewed academic and SEL data
	• Stakeholder Review (last year and this year)
	• Identified priorities
	• ILT (instructional leadership team) came up with Literacy, Math and SEL (social emotional learning) goals for SY 26-27
	• Identified factors to be addressed
	• Staff chose Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) for Literacy, Math and SEL
	  ○ Hiawatha- Foundational literacy Instruction
	  ○ Howe- Building Comprehension
	  ○ Both- Mathematical Discourse and Wayfinder Implementation
	
	Site Council Feedback and Input is integral to this process.
	
	Hiawatha and Howe have completed the CNA process. We have set the goals and strategies. The specific goals (including data language) will be shared in the fall.
	
	The strong alignment and communication are focus areas for next year. We plan to verbalize our school improvement plan as often as possible. (ex: family		

	engagement activities sharing how they support our goals) We will also share out data more often and engage in discussion. Hiawatha got Title I funding so we had done the CNA process as a part of that. This year's is due to Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) identification. In MPS we do this process for all schools every 3 years. Progress monitoring of these strategies are a routine part of the SIP process. Goal for SY26-27 would be to do a data presentation at least quarterly at PTO meetings. Abby asked for more crossover with Site Council and PTO for next year. Family Engagement is a strength so we would like to focus on and increase our engagement around academics/instructional pieces.		
ROLES for next year Alayna leaving? Co-chair position open Cori leaving? Secretary position open Hannah returns for one more year	Add to final communication to families for the year- are you interested in joining Site Council? Vote will happen in the fall since we don't have a quorum for this meeting. These notes will be posted to the website and to the parent communication. Discussion around moving Site Council meetings to an after school or evening time.	Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	

	A “survey” or thoughts-catcher will be shared with the entire community to get feedback with considerations for food, childcare, and opportunity to be in person. • Parents have shared via PTO that mornings are challenging		
Questions and Closing	Will be revisiting our Mission, Vision and Values next school year.	Principal and Caregiver Co-Chairs Davis and Sponberg	2 min