

Nock Middle School School Council September Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/21/26

Location: Nock Middle School

Present: Nick Markos, Principal; Matt Condon, Assistant Principal; Rebecca Cook; Gina Ikemoto

1. Opening of Schools

The meeting opened with a discussion of the start of the 2026–2027 school year. The group reflected on the opening of school and the transition for students and staff. The opening of the school year has been positive, with a strong focus on establishing routines, building relationships, and creating a positive school culture. Staff have been working to ensure students understand expectations and feel connected to the school community. The School Council discussed the importance of a strong start to the year, particularly around student belonging, consistent expectations, and supporting students as they transition back into the school routine. The group also discussed the continued focus on the Nock's core values of Respect, Kindness, Awareness, and Responsibility and how these values are being reinforced across the school.

2. Grading and Report Cards

The Council discussed the school's work around grading and report cards. Nock Middle School continues to work toward making grading practices clear, consistent, and focused on student learning. The group discussed the transition toward a standards-based approach and the importance of ensuring that report cards provide families with meaningful information about student progress. The school is continuing to review how grades and assessments communicate what students know and are able to do. The discussion also included the importance of separating academic achievement from habits and behaviors when communicating student progress. The Council discussed the value of providing students and families with clear feedback throughout the year rather than relying solely on report card grades. Teachers are continuing to use assessment information to identify areas of strength, areas for growth, and appropriate next steps for students.

3. October 7 Coffee Hour

The Council discussed the upcoming October 7 Coffee Hour. The event will provide families with an opportunity to connect with school administration and ask questions in an informal setting. The group discussed the importance of creating opportunities for families to engage with the school outside of traditional parent meetings and events. The Coffee Hour will provide an opportunity to share information, answer questions, hear family feedback, and strengthen the connection between home and school. The Council will continue to communicate the event to families and encourage participation.

4. Community News

The Council discussed current happenings within the Nock and the broader school community. The school is continuing to build a strong sense of community through advisory, extracurricular activities, athletics, field experiences, and opportunities for students to learn both inside and outside of the classroom.

The group discussed the importance of place-based and experiential learning. Recent opportunities, including grade-level outdoor experiences and student activities, have provided students with opportunities to collaborate, problem-solve, and apply their learning in authentic settings.

The Council also discussed the continued work around student support and social-emotional learning through Advisory. Advisory is being used to support team building, relationships, and students' social and emotional development.

School leadership shared updates regarding arrival and dismissal procedures and the ongoing work to ensure that these processes are safe and efficient for students, families, and staff.

The Council also discussed the importance of maintaining strong communication with families and the community as the school year progresses.