

Parkside SEC Meeting 11/9/21

Present: Payne, Armbruster, Hillman, Donahue, DeLutio, Wagner, Albertson

Hillman called meeting to order at 4:32. Seconded by DeLutio.

Principal's Report:

1. Like all schools in WI (and country) transportation has been a challenge this school year. It's better than it was, but there are still 3 late buses (4:40) and 1-2 routes a day cancelled [better than 9 a day]. Parents have been great working through this.
2. We were budgeted for 846. Third Friday count put us at 827 (had to subtract 10 from that as they were 3 year olds) Short 29 kids. Thought a solution had been found with encumbered funds from furniture, playground) to cover deficit. Solution wasn't accepted and had four hours to come up with a different solution. Left unfilled para positions and cut supply budgets, etc, but was able to save a teaching position.
  - a. Low in K4 classrooms.
  - b. As of today, student count is 820.
3. Staffing updates
  - a. New 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
  - b. Support staff—New counselor, new social worker, additional psych services, librarian para (full-time) doing STEAM workshops with older students (coding, robotics, with library funds) Katie Porter doing science, pull out, aquaponics lab.
4. Attendance is 91.8%, tracking (transportation and covid).
5. Hoping for additional funding, and if that is the case, could get more STEAM kits, etc.
6. Building updates:
  - a. New ceilings and lights in the classrooms, redid the library (wall of windows with new lighting), new carpet in office; hallways and small gym will be next summer
  - b. Cafeteria (round tables, oblong tables, booth).
  - c. Wish list: adding sinks to art rooms, playground for older students, auditorium lighting, bathroom updates
  - d. Did submit a green space grant

[had to step out to take a call from the Dean]

Donahue was talking when I jumped back in

1. New reading and K5-8 Grade and Science; social studies will be adopted this year.
2. Programs with Milwaukee symphony). First State will begin in Jan (7 weeks of workshops). Mad hot tap and rhythm (no ballroom because no hand holding) for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Ballet for 3-5 grade. Will get to see Nutcracker, with recital in spring. Art Museum is not doing tours. Looking at other museums to do tours. Winter concert will be virtual (hiring outside person to video)
3. Assessment update:
  - a. STAR (dropping K5). K5 will use different early literacy screener
  - b. STAR Data shared. Will share out to SEC do after each testing period.
    - i. Tier two students tested monthly.

- ii. 1/3 of students were below level (so 278 licenses for iReady) to support reading and math.
- iii. DeLutio asked about testing scores and if it has been impacted by covid. Donahue didn't think so. More analysis would need to be done (pulling data from a few years ago to see what data set looked like after first testing round)
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade: COGAT Screen (Gifted and Talented Screening) Parents/guardians of children testing as gifted and talented will receive additional information on training/workshops, etc.

DAC Meeting update provided by Albertson:

1. There were lots of announcements, which have previously been sent out by our parent coordinator. Thanks parent coordinator! (e.g.: MLK Writing Contest, MPS reads, etc.)
2. Jon Jagemann, the District Discipline Manager, invited all parents to participate in a Family Parent Focus Group on 11/29 @5:30 looking at the MPS Student Code of Conduct. What behaviors are acceptable/unacceptable and what are the consequences for those? Interesting in joining the conversation? Here is the link to sign up: <https://app.smartsheet.com/.../90b5e7f9a28f46d48ee9a43613...>
3. We then had three breakout rooms on the following topics: Transportation, Covid Safety and Nutrition. I attended the Nutrition breakout and we gathered some comments and questions to take back to the district. Comments centered around these topics: 1) Waste--both in terms of food waste (suggesting composting when possible) and packaging waste (recognizing covid protocol might increase the need for this) 3)types of food offered (more option/choice when it comes to fruit/vegetable, more vegetarian options) 4)Looking retrofitting kitchens so more preparation can be done at school sites 5) staffing shortages in kitchen staff and how that impacts food service at schools
  - a. Some discussion about Nutrition. Armbruster met with Hunger Task Force. They have resources and money and want to get back into MPS schools and want to work on making sure kids have healthy food to eat. Perhaps a topic for a parent night or PTO idea.
  - b. Hillman shared that we were awarded the fruit and vegetable grant. Right now, it will be in the classroom, but looking for ways to do kits (like last year).
  - c. Some discussion on the aquaponics labs, connecting with instructor from Reagan, how to get kids more involved in food preparation and service to peers, etc. Lots of opportunities for looking at what food is served but also how we serve it, etc.

Other topics:

1. DeLutio brought up how to we get more kids to be outside. Benefit to kids being outside.
2. Next meeting is 12/14 at 4:30.
3. Donahue moved to adjourn at 5:20. Seconded by Armbruster.