

MRMS SAC Meeting 7:00-8:15 October 23, 2019 MRMS Library

Attendees: Maria Novilla, Karen Wendling, Jennifer Giles, Kirk Harris, Kelly Pointer, Susie

Morella, Allison Hawk, Brian Singleton, Ryan West, Troy McGill, Yaron Starosta, Sharon Kolleth

Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions

Approval of September meeting minutes--motion to approve... seconded and approved

Teacher update:

- School play and choir concerts took place and went great!
PINK out day was Friday before break--breast cancer awareness day
- Wrestling and 8th grade girls basketball are starting up
- Walk for Wishes at Hudson Gardens--Interact Club event happening Saturday, Oct 26th

SAC committee asked if information/events for the Interact Club can be shared with community...Mr. Singleton agreed to sending out via an email.

DAC Report:

. Community SAC trainings were a huge success; district will continue to offer in future

CITE survey sent out; results expected in January . Currently there are two

candidates for DAC teacher representative position; someone in a school counselor role is not eligible... it must be a certified teacher

- Parent Engagement discussion

New business: security when schools are used as polling place--no schools are used for polling currently so not an issue

Staffing Report:

- Assistant principal position--Sara Curto has been hired; she will be sending out a

message to introduce herself to community

Security position--currently have two candidates interested; have had little interest...believed to be caused by low wages for position; have already offered to two people...one turned it down, one couldn't pass physical

Principal's Report:

- . 8th grade Career Expo at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on November 6th; students

will create a career profile and an online service will suggest career paths they might be interested in; district is looking for parent volunteers to help with event--info on DCSD website or contact MRMS office Parent Night on November 14th from 6:00-7:30--Nick Thomas will be addressing issues that adolescents face and provide knowledge and tools for parents; event is open to community of all feeder schools Follow up to last meeting items:

- o MRMS Student Resource Officer (SRO) contacted DCSO regarding traffic

situation in Firelight neighborhood; also Mr. Singleton monitored students walking from the neighborhood and noticed they were mainly high schoolers...he informed MVHS principal to make him aware; SAC parent who lives in the neighborhood updated group that there seems to be a decrease in traffic since

DCSO presence in the neighborhood during drop off/pick up times o Snack prices are now posted in lunchroom Group discussion about grading: misconceptions about what 3's and 4's mean; Mr. Singleton informed group that scores of 1-4 do not correlate to A-F system of grading; 1-4 system is showing level of understanding of concepts being taught...does not correlate with

percentages; Mr. Singleton is communicating with district around how to report and communicate grades consistently; district is working to align things between individual schools as well CMAS:

- Testing will be held in the spring ○ MRMS staff have scheduled work dates to ensure teaching content is aligned

with testing; Staff will also be sharing student performance with each other to

make sure teaching is aligned and consistent according to state standards ○

200 students opted-out of testing, includes many high performers;

MRMS is

concentrating on student engagement to help improve test scores...the goal is to help

students see the purpose of testing and have the right attitude about the

importance of the test results ○ Admin will work with groups of students to review testing scores and walk them

through the testing process to increase engagement and understanding ○

SAC member asked if MRMS could provide specific “bullet point” information that

we as a group can communicate and share with other parents to help educate the purpose and importance of testing--Mr. Singleton agreed to put something together

Budget

Update:

- The last count showed MRMS is 12 students under projection, this means \$41,640 will

have to be paid back (based on current numbers), but official count has not been assessed yet

- An overview of MRMS budget was provided to SAC

Committee; Mr. Singleton explained:

- Non-discretionary budget is set by the district and can not be changed
- Discretionary budget allows principal to make decisions about money The budget process for 2020-2021 school year will start in November; SAC will be included to help advise principal on allocation of discretionary budget items

Open
Forum:

Follow up to dress code: "Shorts season is over, so that's helping"--Brian Singleton *Moving forward*, staff will work on how to enforce professional dress policy in a

way that's consistent and best for students . Cell phone policy issues: no new update; it's going well, teachers are enforcing consistently and students have responded appropriately

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00am in MRMS
library