

Marcy Open MOPSC Minutes – February 4, 2016

Welcome

Introductions

Minutes Approved

Agenda Items

Presentation by Garrett and Nico:

- A. Class Size Parent Survey
 - *Online Draft on Marcy website under parents, MOPSC, parent meeting, January
 - *K-3 26 students
 - *4-12 32 students
 - *student numbers can vary
 - *school admin decisions
 - *lack of space to add classroom
- B. Action In proposed
 - a. Infographic – building space compared to student numbers – get Marcy classroom size numbers along with guidelines fro planning school construction in MN
 - b. Perception data – priorities staff, students, parents

Identify any areas of concerns around classroom size and prioritize to develop solutions

Draft of Parent Survey for Feedback – Marcy Open Class Size Parent Survey
Rating of Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Not Sure, Agree, and Strongly Agree

Feedback: add grade level, number of adults in a classroom, request Marcy or were you placed?

Donna's comments about Survey centered around the district mandates and magnet schools being school of choice.

Principal Report:

- 1. Big Buddies/Little Buddies Program
 - *5th graders shoutout to teachers
 - *SEA shoutout
 - *Shout out to Theo
- 2. African American Parent Involvement Day
 - *invite parents to this
 - *offer food/beverage in the morning
- 3. Outside signage DO NOT Turn Here!
 - * put out in morning and afternoon
 - *robo call to parents

- *put in Parent Press
- 4. Cameras in building
 - *security change for Phyllis - photo now on phone
 - *possible card swipe into building too
- 5. Attendance
 - *parents get a call if student is absent
 - *if student is late, get pass at desk in hallway until 9:00 AM, then go into the office
- 6. Donna sent out survey for budget
 - *Parent Press
 - *posted to the Facebook page on 2/04/16
- 7. Learn about the district budget?
 - *Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 PM at Webster School
- 8. Looping vs Straight grades
 - *Parent Council Met and the decision was for looping for 2016-17 SY
 - *K/1-2/3-4/5-6/7-8
- 9. Blizzard on Tuesday
 - *staff is amazing; level of commitment is awesome; staff is very strong
- 10. Missing ASD student
 - *Wednesday, 2/3/16
 - *911
 - *engaged community
 - *she said she was walking home, and that is what she did
- 11. Conferences
 - *Thursday, 2/11/16 and Friday 2/12/16

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7th/8th Grade ELA
Marcy Open School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

7:00pm – 7:30pm

Open Agenda

1) District Parent Advisory Council:

Marcy Parent Amanda Harrington sits on the council, intended to give parents a voice directly to the superintendent. It is a volunteer position requiring application. Any parent is welcome to come and listen at the meeting, however only members can speak at the meetings. The district is currently restructuring the Area A meetings.

2) Class Size Project:

Appreciation expressed to Garrett and Nico for the efforts on the class size project for Marcy. Request was made for additional input from people regarding the survey and the data desired, request made to add a question for language spoken at home within the survey. Comment made that it has been challenging to get data including current blueprints and information on number of students and capacity.

It was stated that the objective is to be proactive, not reactive when it comes to class size. Goal is to start somewhere with the objective of gathering current perceptions. Important to note that this project originated from Marcy teachers and was brought to Parent Council as a concern. Since teachers are currently rotating as site council representatives for MOPSC, this may not promote full engagement on the various issues discussed at the meetings. Question raised regarding best way to engage staff. During MOPSC meeting, Jean Dudley agreed to present the survey at the ILT meeting to get feedback, but this will take time and parents questioned if this is the best forum to discuss the issue to gain authentic feedback.

Comment made that Marcy is not failing, and the district funds things that are failing to meet standards. For capital projects, there is a long list and when projects get to the top they are completed (such as the Marcy theater renovation).

3) Future Topics:

Engage Barton Open School to speak at MOPSC

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting scheduled for March 3rd, 2016 from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Marcy Parent Council Minutes submitted respectfully by Terri Warren, Parent Council Secretary