

# Marcy Open MOPSC Minutes - January 7, 2016

Welcome

Minutes approved

## **The Sheridan Story**

- [sheridanstory.com](http://sheridanstory.com)
- Program began in 2010 in Sheridan Elem in MPS to send home food to children who need food over the weekend. The school organizes which children will receive food on Fridays. We would be partnered with a community organization who will come into the school each week and put the food directly into the locker/backpack. It's discrete. Includes food on the USDA My Plate. No govt funding, so any student who needs/wants food will get it. One bag per child, not per family.
- Dale Durie is partnering with Marcy Open. Targeting at least 100 students next fall. Cost is \$130 per student per year. Still in conversations with partners about funding and volunteering. All partners are local. If you are interested in partnering with them, they can be contacted through their website.

## **Edison High School presentation**

- Dynamic school where real learning occurs.
- MYP/Diploma Programme (International Baccalaureate Organization)
- Strong community
- Band (concert band, choir, rock band, various ensembles w/other schools, NE Band Festival). Aidan, former Marcy student, goes to Edison and spoke.
- Spark Y - Hands-on, sustainability partnerships with youth from Edison. Offering a for-credit class that will allow students to create, organize, and run the green effort happening at Edison. zach@spark-y.org
- Art - Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Art In the Community, IB Art, and Art Sampler are all courses that Edison offers.

- Empty Bowls project
- IB MYP: 9th and 10th grades -
  - Concept driven - how do we take the skills that kids learn and frame them in a “why.”
  - Where is the real-world connection?
  - Different kinds of assessments. Teachers design them to meet IB standards.
  - International-mindedness
  - All students take world language (French, Spanish, Chinese)
  - Class sizes average 25 (largest 9th grade class this year is a science class with 32)
  - All students in 9th and 10th grades are in MYP
  - Personal project required at the end of 10th grade - students get to choose some thing that they are interested in to research and do a project about it. The projects can be about anything that they’re passionate about or interested in. Showcase in the spring.
- IB Diploma Programme: 11th and 12th grades
- Approximately 900 kids at Edison
- ASD program

### **Principal Report**

- Project Success/play - 74 students from Marcy tried out for the play; all students who tried out will be in the play
- Board deciding next week who will be superintendent.
- Budgets coming in February
- Teachers settled contract. Still have to vote and ratify.
- Donna spoke to her boss and requested that we not get so many students. We are overcrowded. The building was not designed for the number of students we currently have. Marcy is on a list for more space. Parents have spoken to board members about overcrowding. Currently, we are at a good number because we’ve lost students since the beginning of the year. 6th grade bubble is at 102, but should be ideally at 96. It requires a

new class at each grade level as they move up.

- Looping: Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) wanted to discuss if this was something teachers wanted to do. Teachers did a survey. Social-emotional aspect was ranked high as a reason to continue looping. Teachers cited the changing curriculums as a negative. Specific comments from each grade level will be available. Marcy has been looping for 2.5 years.
- Marcy getting an opportunity to be more of a magnet school as it was designed; more autonomy. We are planning to make changes beginning next year; collaborate with Barton; figuring out how we can reach all students and shrink the achievement gap.

### **Understanding MPS Class Size Policy and Procedures**

- Target sizes: K-3: 26 students; 4-12: 32 students.
- Next steps:
  - Info-graphic that compares the amount of space and the number of students
    - Floor plan, room sizes, with dimensions
    - Compare this to other newer schools in the city
  - Perception data & priorities: staff, students, family
    - Survey for everyone in the Marcy community
    - Translate into Spanish and Somali
    - Feedback on questions
      - Different questions for students?
      - Email questions out for feedback from the community.

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