

MOPSC March 3, 2016

Adolescent Development

Jen O'Brien HCMC and Marcy Parent

- Hold onto what it felt like to be an adolescent while appreciating that our own children might have very different experiences.
- It can be a difficult time to parent. Teenagers need a special understanding, and people have been complaining about them for a long time.
- Early 10-14 Mid 15-17 Late 18-21
- Time of rapid change, comparing a 10 year old to a 14 year old is a big difference.
- Early ask, "Am I normal?" Mid ask, "Who am I? Where do I belong?" Late ask, "Where am I going?"
- Early: Very ego centric, concrete thinkers, everything is new, at the top of the hierarchy and about to plummet to the bottom in high school.
- Tasks
 - Figure out this body. Body changes/try on new looks/tired/self focused
 - Figure out ones sexuality. Sexual feelings/Identity/relationship skills
- What more to learn going forward? Renegotiating with parents/tools for parents

Gear Up Introduction

Lia Reich

- Will follow students from 7/8 to high school
- Work on goals college/career ready, social emotional, and academics.
- Does small groups with parents prior knowledge
- My Life Plan: Study skills/interests/reality check –fake budget
- Gear up Grant: Focus on supporting academics and the whole student.
- Jessica is the coordinator who is here full time.
- Tuesday, March 15th Readers/writers night. Will have a gear up program as well. Financial aid information/panel for getting ready for high school.

Marcy Arts Partnership Updates

Allison Hunter

- Bring artist residency/project success/plays to Marcy.
- Gala April 9th
- Next week volunteer sign up will be sent out. Will need a lot of help on April 8th and 9th.
- Venue change at Mpls Event center.
- April 1st is the donation deadline.
- Entertainment is Collide Theater they do music and dance performances.

Donna's Principal Report

Donna Andrews

- **School Budget:** Marcy is "sitting in a really good spot." Title 1 dropped, but Michael Goar took staff development money and put it back in.

- What we can afford:
 - Increase music from 0.6 to 1.0
 - Increase gym to 1.0
 - Increase French to 0.8
 - Increase Social work 1.0
 - Cut K-2 math specialist
 - Increase Special Ed from 2 to 3
 - Buy reading and math interventionist
 - **Writers and artists fair.**
 - March 8th k-4 March 15th is 5-8
 - **Schedule:**
 - Money for 1 additional teacher in 7th grade
 - Movement of students will look different
 - Kinder stand alone, 1-2, 3-4, 5th stand alone, 6-8th together as a middle school.
 - In the fall 6,7,8 class sizes will be a little bit smaller.
 - 5th graders will have some of the same teachers as they have now.
 - **Family Dinner:**
 - Site councils multi-cultural dinner could be in place of family dinner.
 - April 14th
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Parent Council
March 3, 2016
7:15-7:30p

Class size discussion

- What do we do with the data collected?
- What are the outcome of this effort?
- Data collection is a long-term effort/evolving document
- PC drafts a proposal with info collected>clear plan for future Marcy families>possibly present this info to the district
- Collect data on class size, sq. ft/classroom