



Notice of Meeting
Mountain Creek Middle School
School Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Zoom Link: <https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/84320596578>
(Media Center)

1. Welcome - Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. Approved
3. Designation of Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary
 - a. Chair - Jodie Malad
 - b. Co-Chair - Suzanne Bake
 - c. Secretary - Kristin Kassing
4. School Business
 - a. Budget-YTD expenditures
 1. Land Trust Budget Review
 - a. After school activities have been postponed due to corona, officially the school has no clubs but is looking for opportunities for the kids to gather and interact as a group. They will focus on the interest of the children as the corona numbers go down.
 - b. 100 more chrome books have been ordered. Previous order has been very delayed with issues due to high demand and corona.
 - c. Digital coaches and instructional coaches have been hired and are implementing standardization for online platforms providing support and training to the teachers.
 - ii. NY budget survey
 - b. TSSA Budget Review
 - i. TSSA Budget Review
 1. District allocates approx \$150 per student enrolled
 2. This fund has provided a safety net for the ever changing daily enrollment numbers funding teachers salaries when enrollment dips.
 3. This covers all the online teachers and online students and continues to maintain in person teachers.
 4. Supplies and Materials- This will also help purchase additional 50-60 chrome books, the legacy wall will tell the history of the USA, Classroom Emergency kits (water & snacks) in case of a lockdown. Last some items for the moosetache store.
 - c. Block Schedule vs. traditional vs. four day schedule
 - i. The school Board already made a decision for a four day schedule for the remainder of the school year. Some teachers feel that they are losing instruction time without having Fridays.
 1. Board parents provided feedback on Fridays, parents provide mixed feedback. No voting took place, just expressed personal opinions.
 2. Teachers are using Fridays very differently, makeup days, extension activities, etc.
 3. The superintendent office will likely send out a survey about block day versus 7 period day, if not MCMS will be looking for additional feedback from families.

5. Counseling Update - Becky Hunsacker

a. Lunch Study Hall

- i. Students are making up tests, assignments or get organized on how to navigate issues they have in the classroom. Trackers have been very helpful for students to manage their workload for approx 40 kids. They are also working with online students, asking how they are coping etc.

b. Study Skills

- i. 15 students in the current 6th period class, grades seem to be improving. They are provided with additional studying methods, addressing missing assignments. This helps students implement strategies to help with grades.

c. PCCR's

- i. Meeting with every 8th grade student and parent to plan for college. Keys to Success app is being used to help them with future goals and incentives to boost curriculum with downloads and activities.
- ii. They want parents to sign up for a time using a link provided in skyward. It will be sent out via email or go to SETMORE.com to sign up. They are looking to get 80% parent involvement, they can accommodate zoom or in person. Times will be assigned to those who don't not sign up.
- iii. This is designed to help them start thinking about college so they are signing up for the appropriate classes during their high school years.

6. Miscellaneous

a. Coronavirus -

- i. Dashboard is updated by the health department. MCMS has only had one positive student since fall break. Four kids have stayed home since someone in their house is positive and now they are testing positive also. Kids are kept on the list for two weeks after the health department is notified. Keeping kids home when someone in the home is sick is helping tremendously. 150-175 kids have been on quarantine over the last 4 months but only 1 case has been documented where it was actually spread at school. Most kids are not transmitting it at school, it's with school friends outside of school.
- ii. The district has given the protocol if 1% is positive, other measures will be taken. It is handled on a case by case basis. At the highschool level, approx 30 cases at the highschool they would close. At a middle school the 15 person rule is approx the size that additional steps would be taken.
- iii. The decision to close a school is based on the number of active cases in a school not in a community. If the cases are random or on a team, this would be considered.

7. Next Meeting: January 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm

8. Motion to Adjournment