

School Community Council Meeting

Mountain Creek Middle School Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm (school library, <u>Zoom Link</u>)

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of minutes from January 11, 2023-approved unanimously
- 3. Jordan Parent Advisory Committee:
 - <u>Mylifeisworthliving.org</u>
 - Parentguidance.org
 - Had a brief discussion on the websites listed above and encouraged us to check them out and share with other families at the school.
 - Had a small discussion on school safety. Discuss the recent lockout at Mountain Creek and some of the communication issues/misinformation that many parents experienced.
 - Swipe badge= all doors locked
 - District drafted a message since it affected multiple schools so that caused a slowdown.
 - Parents/Teachers are confused with the lockout vs. lock down terms. They are too similar and we had staff proceeding with different procedures because it wasn't clear. Current procedures should be reviewed and "A person" should be in charge. It is administration right now but they may not be the best because they are busy with all the moving parts. Teachers are frustrated with lack of information and being in the dark. They are expected to put their life on the line to protect the kids but aren't given any information. Teachers need reminders and communication.
 - Review and verify plan/flow chart
 - Clarify Definitions
 - School Safety tab on the website
 - Practice drills during inconvenient times like lunch and assemblies

- Also discussed mental health resources available at the school. There is a tiered process: counselor, social worker, individual referrals to additional connections. Jordan Family Education Center website https://guidance.jordandistrict.org/jfec/ was also mentioned.
- 4. School business (Principal Glenn)
 - Trust Lands Budget
 - Buy people, not stuff
 - 4 core goals: 2% increase in proficiency school-wide, move 2% towards proficiency, lower failing grades by 10%, additional support for ML students.
 - Improve tier 1: Summer collaboration, teacher collaboration, digital coach, professional development, conference registration and travel, reduce class sizes, provide student support, and technology support.
 - Slideshow wa sent out for review. One correction for the slides..move ML funding to TSSA budget.
 - TSSA Budget
 - Goals will be provided in email. Rolled over \$100,000 so we started with \$300,000. Currently 62% is left. Spending is down. We haven't been able to hire an academic coach. May use any leftover money to replenish chromebooks.
 - Sent out a parent survey email regarding budget and received 214 replies.
 For the most part, parents seem on board.
 - Required to have a digital coach next year.
 - In the past, we have funded extra sessions to bring class sizes down.
 - Bell Schedules
 - Survey split 51.6% vs 48.4% as to which bell schedule parents wanted.
 - Copper Mountain shares teachers so we would need to match whatever they do.
 - Middle school will not ever have A and B days, which was discussed
 - Suggested that we get rid of TA and absorb that time into classes to make them a bit longer. It would only be around 5 minutes though.
 - The council thinks that we need to do whatever is best for the kids, not what is preferred by teachers and parents.
 - Next Year Enrollment
- 5. Student Services update (Becky Hunsaker)
 - Annual Student Outcome Goal Report
 - Study Skills–still analyzing data. Motivation is going down.
 - 8th and 9th Grade Q1 to Q2: drop in interest. Suggested intervention for students that failed 2 or more classes. We want education trackers.

- 7th Grade Q1 to Q2: attendance (home issues and mental health). Failing not an academic issue, there are usually other issues at play.
- Goal is to have no student leave MCMS credit deficit
- ML students are on an increased track. WIDA testing is a big need but there is a lack of personnel. Discussed options for getting facilitators for testing, like using community volunteers that may speak the students native language. 12 students currently enrolled, projected to have 50 students soon.
- Encouraging teachers to obtain the ELL endorsement. 8 teachers are currently endorsed, but would love to have 25-30 teachers endorsed. MCMS currently has 7 ELL students.
- Wellness Space (available for students of concern). Discussed the process for checking in and collected data by comparing emotions before and after break. Available activities are: drawing, fidgets, reading.
- 6. Spirit Week Update Mike Wilkey
 - March 6th-10th. Theme with activities each day.
 - Sneaker vs. Sandals
 - BYU vs. Utes
 - Star Wars vs. Harry Potter
 - Dress up vs. Dress down
 - Surfer vs. Biker
- 7. Comments/Questions/Miscellaneous
 - Health and Wellness/District Outreach March 16th at 6:00pm
 - Psychology Secrets to Emotional Resilience
 - Parent University at the beginning of the school year
- 8. Next Meeting: Fall 2023 September 13th at 5:30pm

Upcoming events:

- March 27: Grade transmittal day (students do not attend)
- March 28-April 2: Spring Break
- April 3: 2023-24 SBO packets available
- April 7: PTSA monthly meeting
- April 26-29: School musical (*Newsies Jr.*)
- May 2: RISE testing begins