

Parent Advisory Meeting Notes  
February 7, 2019

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on January 10, 2019, with 20 parent representatives in attendance.

Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff, welcomed the group to the Parent Advisory meeting. Announced that next month's meeting on March 7, 2019, is cancelled due to the primary elections. The next meeting will be on April 4, 2019.

**Millard House II, Director of Schools**

Discussed how the district determines whether or not to delay/close schools. Explained that it is especially difficult when weather moves in over the weekend due to buses not being run for a couple of days.

Kirkwood update: The county commission has put the construction of Kirkwood on hold. Their main reason has been the close proximity to a landfill. The commission has also questioned why the district purchased the land in 2007 and waited so long to build. There was a presentation on Monday, February 4, 2019, which will hopefully resolve this and allow the district to begin building Kirkwood Middle School in August 2021. This would allow us to relieve overcrowding at Northeast Middle and Rossvie Middle. At the same time, it would allow for a major re-shifting in the entire district to balance things out. Data shows that our high schools will pose major issues in the next few years, so the plan is to build Kirkwood High School in 2022. The district has an agreement with the YMCA to build on the Kirkwood site. If these plans do not pan out, we will have to find another piece of land, which will delay our plans by a year or two.

**Dr. Kimmie Sucharski, Director of Accountability**

Explained TN uniform grading policy and what CMCSS is doing for our students who compete with students from other districts. CMCSS essentially has a 7 point grading scale while other districts have a 10 point grading scale. Some students have missed out on scholarships due to the difference in the grading scale. CMCSS has begun denoting on the final transcript what the student's GPA would be if it were based on a 10 point scale. Transcripts will have the regular GPA, the HOPE scholarship GPA, and the 10 point scale GPA. Grades are the greatest indicator of expected success in college.

Click on the following link to view PowerPoint:

[https://portal.cmcss.net/docs.aspx?doc=externalDocument\\_43.pptx](https://portal.cmcss.net/docs.aspx?doc=externalDocument_43.pptx)

Presented the Work Ethic Rubric, which students will receive upon graduation to show employers they have soft skills and will be dependable. Click on the following link to view the rubric: [Work Ethic Distinction Rubric](#)

**Marcia Demorest, Finance Director**

Presented overview of budget planning. The budget is aligned with the strategic work, for example the 1:1 initiative. There are several factors out of the district's control, i.e. retirement and medical expenses. Each department submits requests and then business affairs reviews the requests in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team. We also get input from other staff and the proposed budget goes to the School Board. Once the board has approved it, the county commission has to review and approve the budget. The budget is usually approved in June. Strategic Work is driven by department heads based on feedback from a variety of faculty and

staff and the needs of the district. The budget is available on the CMCSS website:

<https://www.cmcoss.net/budget-info/>

The meeting notes from each meeting are posted on the CMCSS website under the “Students and Parents” tab.

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