

Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

November 7, 2019

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on November 7, 2019 with 17 parent representatives in attendance.

Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff, welcomed the group to the meeting. Dr. Huff briefly shared information about the Substitute Staffing program and explained how to apply if there is any interest.

Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools, addressed the group by assuring them their participation and voices are important. Mr. House mentioned that CMCSS sends out surveys on a regular basis and stressed how vital it is to receive feedback both positive and negative responses.

Dr. Mary Gist, Middle Schools Level Director, presented on teacher stress and social and emotional learning. Dr. Gist spoke of the many differences in classroom teaching today versus 30 years ago. It was acknowledged the teacher shortage across the U.S. today is over 307,000 teachers and stress plays a huge factor in this number. Dr. Gist continued by saying teachers are overwhelmed and she discussed some of the support mechanisms in place at CMCSS to assist in an effort to lessen stressful conditions for our educational professionals. The entire presentation can be accessed here: <http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Teacher-Stress-Social-Emotional-11072019.pptx>

Mr. Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer, shared the student growth and school capacities report. In the presentation, Mr. Sumrell provided student enrollment trends, student growth over the last 30+ years, building capacities across the district, the 5 year facility construction plan which includes the addition of a 12-classroom at each Rossvie Elementary, West Creek Elementary and Oakland Elementary, and funds for a retrofit and property purchase. For the entire presentation, click here :

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Question of the Month: What priorities should be considered during budget planning? If you didn't have a chance at the meeting to provide feedback or have additional comments, please email those directly to Dr. Huff angela.huff@cmcss.net.

The next PAC meeting will be after the holidays on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Notes from each meeting are posted on the CMCSS website (scroll to the bottom of the page under Community, "Stakeholder Groups" then "Parent Advisory Council"). Archived notes from past years can be found there as well. Contact Information: deborah.cummings@cmcss.net.