

## Parent Advisory Council

### Meeting Notes

January 9, 2020

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on January 9, 2020 with 20 parent representatives in attendance.

Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff, welcomed the group to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools, gave a brief update on building capacity and land acquisition. Montgomery County officials are in discussions with the Economic Development Council to possibly build a new school complex whereby the EDC would handle the total project from bid out to completion and sell the property back to the County. The school could possibly be completed by 2022 as the process through the EDC is much more streamline and involves less restricted check points than building directly through CMCSS. Mr. House said he is encouraged and excited and that updates will be provided as things progress.

Mr. House shared information with regard to the new Enrollment Center. There have been over 4,000 visits of which approximately 1,500 are military students. With reference to our military families, Mr. House commented there are anxious times ahead and, if deployment becomes a factor, CMCSS has procedures in place to support our troops and military families.

Ms. Emily Vaughn, Director Curriculum and Instruction, presented on CMCSS Parent Portal and Resources. The purpose of this information was to illustrate to parents how to access the web for a better conceptual understanding of numerous aspects of curriculum and required standards. Ms. Vaughn also discussed academic offerings and attached is the link to all of the flyers explaining available options : <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Xn63ibWT4mPx4IBGKJhiq0sFVkjspkWt>. Any further questions regarding this information or navigating the web may be directed to [emily.vaughn@cmcss.net](mailto:emily.vaughn@cmcss.net).

Mr. Will Smith, Rise-Up Academy instructor, shared information about the program and how the Rise-Up Academy diversifies our portfolio and what we are doing to support all our students. This program is a truancy intervention program and the court system asked if we could expand our focus to address juvenile court related issues. By doing this, we hope to work on character development, building relationships between instructors and students, reconnect students to education and teach good citizenship. The link to the presentation can be found here:

<http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Rise-Up-Academy-01092020-Will-Smith.pptx>

**Question of the Month: What opportunities for innovation exist for our portfolio of academic offerings?** 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](mailto:angela.huff@cmcss.net).

The next PAC meeting will be on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 11:30.

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](mailto:deborah.cummings@cmcss.net).