

## Parent Advisory Council

### Meeting Notes

February 6, 2020

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on February 6, 2020 with 16 parent representatives in attendance.

Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff, welcomed the group to the meeting followed by a brief overview of the agenda.

Mrs. Marcia Demorest, Chief Financial Officer, shared highlights of the budget process and illustrated how to navigate through the website to view current and past budget information. (<https://www.cmcss.net/budget-info/>) Mrs. Demorest explained that the budget work is driven by our strategic work plan. The rationale of where our money is allocated aligns with these strategies. Student growth which has been on a continuous upswing for several years (+1,200 in 19-20) hugely impacts the budget. The majority of the revenue (Consolidated Budget all funds) is from state sources and the main source of revenue for the State comes from the collection of sales tax. FY 2019-20 Consolidated Budget summary projected the largest expenditures were salaries (56.5%) and Benefits (21.0%). CMCSS always submits a balanced budget to the School Board for approval and then it goes to the Montgomery County Commission for their approval typically in June each year.

Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools, shared an update on the land acquisition project for a new school commenting he and the CMCSS Operations team have been in close contact with Mayor Durrett over the past several months. The county has committed to supporting an extension of the land acquisition committee process in an effort to continue the search on another piece of land outside of the Moore property. The County and IDB are continuing their conversations and focus on building a new middle school. For more information regarding student growth visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPSvKooEbZo&feature=youtu.be>

Mr. Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer, presented on Transportation Services. Mr. Sumrell highlighted several bus driver “super stars” and commended them on their dedication and service. He continued by explaining the CMCSS school bus fleet, the route requirements, driver resources and the on-boarding process. A 3-year comparison of employment dynamics was shared illustrating the challenges in retaining drivers. Bus driver retention data indicates that 43% of drivers leave the district for other employment. Strategies are in place to help improve retention including more desired work schedules and hours, earning potential, and student management training. The entire presentation may be viewed here: <http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2019-2020-Board-student-transportation-Goal-12-1.14.20.ppt>

**Question of the Month: Feedback on proposed budget items.** 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, March 5, 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).