

Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

March 5, 2020

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on March 5, 2020 with 17 parent representatives in attendance.

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

Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools, gave a presentation on safety and security. Mr. House updated the council on the safety measures implemented by CMCSS to ensure the safety of CMCSS students to include:

1. Security Stakeholder Meetings that consists of multiple agencies that attend the CMCSS Security Stakeholder quarterly meetings to discuss current school safety issues.
2. All CMCSS schools have a School Resource Officer (SRO) on campus that is made possible through a grant from the Tennessee SRO grant program.
3. Raptor (Visitor Management System) instantly screens every visitor against the registered sex offender databases in all fifty states. Raptor can check visitors against custom databases set by each school which can contain custody alerts and/or banned visitors.
4. Mass Notification System (Alertus) is an additional safety measure taken by CMCSS the system was purchased through TN grant funds. The system allows staff members to receive emergency alerts through their computers and mobile devices. Request for assistance or Lockdown can also be made through Alertus by the touch of a button.
5. School Security Audits are conducted throughout the school year. The Safety and Health team in conjunction with local law enforcement conducts ongoing security audits. Each school is graded on their performance, if their score is less than 100% they are required to complete a survey regarding their improvement measures.
6. All CMCSS schools have an Emergency Management Team that consists of administration, office personnel, teachers, school nurse, custodial staff, child nutrition, and counselors, the teams meet twice a year and the members are required to take the IS-100. C and IS-700. B NIMS/FEMA Courses.
7. Tabletop Sessions are discussions held at each school every year. They provide mock emergency scenarios. These drills assists schools with putting emergency plans into action.

Safety and security presentation may be viewed here in completion:

<http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parent-Advisory-Meeting-Security-Stakholder-Presentation-03052020pptx.pdf>

In addition each school is required to complete four intruder/Lockdown drills each year usually during lunch or before and after school which allows for spontaneous implementation of each drill. CMCSS school staff are required to take the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events course (C.R.A.S.E.). This training provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Other safety measures that are in place at all CMCSS schools are, front entrance renovations to better secure the flow of school traffic, camera systems, panic systems for school bus radios, panic button for school radios, push button locks, security window film, additional proximity cards as well receiving the Storm Ready Distinction recognition by the National Weather Service.

Tommy Butler, Safety and Health Director, answered questions concerning metal detectors as a possible safety measure for CMCSS.

Mr. House discussed the two step disinfecting process currently taking place county wide to mitigate the spread of all communicable illnesses.

February Parent Advisory Committee meeting answers to the question of the month “Feedback on proposed budget items:

<http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/February-Parent-Advisory-feedback.pdf>

Additional information on Social Emotional Learning Resources (SEL) :

<http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SEL.resources-2019.20.pdf>

Question of the Month: How can the district continue to improve social and emotional learning resources and support? 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 on Thursday April 2, 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: latonya.long@cmcss.net