



Matheson Junior High Community Council



April 27th, 2020 / 3:30 PM Via Zoom

Attendees:

Visitors:

Cindy Thomsen, Chair	x	Jennifer Christensen, Principal	X	Lisel Zito, Parent	x	Amy Benitez, Parent	x		
Jennifer Johnson, Co-Chair	x	Rachel Zollinger, Parent	x	Bobby Brown, Teacher	x	Paige Thornock, Parent	x		
Zach Dickison, Secretary	x	Robert Goodick, Parent	x	Melanie Soledade, Counselor	x	Aaron Weight, Parent	x		

Topic	Topic Lead	Meeting Notes	Outcomes/Action Items
Welcome/year:	Cindy Thomsen	Time: 3:30 pm Who will be on council next year and who will not. 2-year terms.	
March Minutes: Review/Approval	Zach Dickison	Recap of March minutes. Motion: Jennifer Johnson, Melanie 2 nd .	Sent email attachment of March and February minutes to council on April 7, 2020
Land Trust:	Jennifer Christensen	<p>Discussion: Student binders vs. 1-1 Chromebook. Which is the best option? Considering pros and cons of each, since we have already gone digital with distance teaching/learning. Council prefers binders still with a mix of Chromebooks.</p> <p>Have received \$20,000 more than expected this year. Will help cover next year what GearUp has been able to this year</p> <p>We will continue to get additional Chromebooks for the school as needed.</p> <p>Students will be able to continue to use Chromebooks over the summer to work on incomplete grades or online summer classes.</p> <p>Would prefer the County to fund the after-school bus if possible. We can still use the extra money to fund that bus if needed.</p> <p>With the budget overall, we should not have to change our plan for the upcoming school year</p>	

		<p>with COVID-19. We shouldn't have any less monies.</p> <p>Question about Land Trust funds covering Hope Squad shirts? Can't use Land Trust but we can pull some other donation money to help pay for the shirts.</p>	
Safe Walking Route:	Jennifer Christensen	<p>Want to add a crossing walk at Washington and Montclair. BIG concern with traffic here and student safety. We requested it last year. Requesting again this year.</p> <p>Want to add a Hawk crossing walk at the canal on 8400 West.</p>	
Distance Teaching / Learning:	Jennifer Christensen	<p>Teachers tracking student online engagement.</p> <p>279 students did not log in last week. 385 students spoken to directly on the phone. 10 home visits done by support staff. 19 additional home visits from aides that have been delivering items to students. Spanish speaking families have been contacted by our Spanish speaking aides. Officer Hollenbach has also been going out visiting and contacting students.</p>	
Student Engagement	Robert Goodick	<p>Numbers have greatly improved from first week of distance learning.</p> <p>What has been the quality of work coming in? -Been getting about what we expect. Committed and dedicated students are doing great work, some are not. Doing our best. Some additional help needed for Spanish speaking families and helping families develop some sort of structure. Some teachers are going to practice distance learning once a week in their classes next year to help students prepare for this if needed in the future. How can parents/teachers help their students finish strong and continue through the summer? Anything we can do to help students become academically and emotionally safe moving forward is a focus.</p>	<p>Jen will send an article to the council about some research with distance learning. MJH faculty read and discussed it at faculty meeting today.</p>

Proficiency-Based Learning (PBL):	All	Student Bill of Rights with PBL is out. Kids will see it as common language in all of their classes throughout the district. Will help empower students as they work through PBL.	
Successes/Concerns:	All	<p>PBL district committees are working to continuously improve PBL in the coming year(s).</p> <p>End of you activities: Student Talent Show Awards night Teachers doing a We Miss You video Students will be able to do a curbside pickup of everything they have left at the school this year including certificates and yearbooks. Jesika Cooper – GearUp coordinator will continue on with our 8th graders going to Cyprus. Will look for ways to make up some of the activities missed out on this year due to the virus.</p>	
Close:		Time: 4:24 pm	

Thanks for serving on the MJHS School Community Council!

Next Meeting: May 18, 2020 3:00 pm via Zoom

***The meetings of the Matheson Junior High School Community Council are open to the public. Time is allotted at the end of each meeting for community comment. Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the council. Comments must be related to current agenda topics or ones addressed by the council at previous meetings. Speakers must pre-arrange their opportunity to address the council by emailing Cindy Mccleve at cmccleve@graniteschools.org.