

Lake Harriet Site Council
Meeting Minutes
Meeting date: September 27, 2016

1) Self-introductions of new and returning Site Council members were made. Karen reviewed the Site Council bylaws. Two potential new members were in attendance, Karen reviewed the voting process for new members.

2) Merry gave the LC Principal's Update:

- A 6th K class has been added this year due to high enrollment. There was a discussion around bubble classes (other bubble class is currently in 7th grade at UC). Due to building size, LHCS is limited to one 'bubble' class at each campus. Discussion around potential incoming class size for next year.
- Recent activities include fire drill, testing, Peace Parade, and 2 current Reading Corps openings.

3) Walter gave the UC Principal's Update:

- UC Buddy program is revised and started, recent activities included the Peace Party, WE day, one AE position is still open. Extended learning starts 10/4.
- UC has 3 new staff; student count is currently 683, very full.
- UC has new furniture and floor, and will be getting new lights soon.
- Recess was moved to before lunch for grades 4-6.
- UC is on an 'alternative' menu now - some food is heated onsite such as pizza.

4) Diversity committee report

- 11/28 book club 'Waking Up White' is planned (* need to add to newsletter)
- recruiting new members; also there are several ad-hoc members who are not on Site Council

5) Academic committee report:

- curriculum night feedback/review
- book club planned for early 2017 (details TBD)

6) Karen requested a communications committee or person; Kate will cover this for Site Council

- Kate discussed the LHCS Facebook page

7) Math pathways: Karen requested the Academic Committee to hold a meeting to explain how does LHCS transition to Southwest math and what the match options are at Southwest HS.

8) Curriculum night: Merry requested curriculum night feedback from lower campus, since she thought that attendance was low

- presentations were fairly generic and/or available on website?

9) Crossing guards update:

- person is on Vincent now in the mornings
- Social studies teacher and Walter are out in the afternoons
- Katie Bloomer (SEA) will take over the Safety Patrol effort
- So far, around 4-5 applications have been received vs the goal of 20
- Ashley has 2 parent volunteers so far
- Discussion of how to increase the number of kids volunteering; Karen to followup with Dunn Bros

10) Walter reviewed the new school tour plans

- "Visit our schools" replaces the previous School Fair
- District has decided upon the tour dates and times
- Choice cards to be mailed earlier; parents will be notified earlier this year compared to previous years

11) Ashley reviewed the new testing requirements:

- MAP/MCA testing in Grades 1-9 is done in fall, winter, and spring
- Lower campus is piloting FAST testing instead (new tool from UMN), students spend less time on this test and teachers get immediate feedback.

12) State of the School

- also potluck (sponsored by the Diversity Committee)
- combined with Club's Choice as well

13) Referendum discussion

- comprises 13% of MPS budget
- will not increase property tax from current levels

Next meeting: October 25, 2016