

CMS Site-Based Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2013

1) Introductions

Attendance

Mrs. Smith (Counselor)
Mrs. Hupe (Related Arts Teacher)
Mr. Laney (Support Staff)
Mrs. Earnheart (8th Gr Teacher)
Mrs. Ferron (Media Specialist)
Mr. Davis (Parent)
Mrs. Miller (6th Gr Teacher)
Mrs. Burke (Parent)
Mrs. Keenan (Parent)
Mr. Pickford (7th Gr Teacher)
Mrs. Hoover (Asst Principal)
Mr. Sofsian (Principal)
6th grade parent opening (not in attendance)

- Nominate Secretary
Kara Hupe
Nominated and accepted

2) Structure of Meetings

- Consensus, informal discussion
- Updates about the school
- Give input about decisions that affect the school
- Teachers need to bring information back to their teams

3) Growth Update at CMS (1,343 students) gain of about 150 students

- Portable Classrooms (furniture, transitions, electronics , landscaping, emergency drills) PTSO helped with electronics (TVs, Mounts, and landscaping needs
- Bigger classes average 30 per class
- 74 Additional Lockers should be here soon, cost about \$8,000 county will reimburse
- Cafeteria Capacity we are close to capacity—need to start thinking about master schedule next year
- Larger Staff, New Staff (Communication, Orientation)
- School Structure (1 Counselor and 1 Admin per Grade) positive feedback on structure (1 AP and 1 Counselor per grade)

*Parent Feedback—happy that kids know procedures, concerns about redistricting

Mr. Sofsian explained there is not a plan to redistrict yet, but when discussions begin, parents and community will be able to give input in the process. Information may come in December (at the earliest) regarding a plan for growth in this area.

4) Novel Study

- Chinese Cinderella
- November 25 and 26
- New Format
 - Day 1** Rotate through 5 stations (Food/Calligraphy, Indoor Games, Outdoor Games, Philosophers, Chinese New Year)
 - Day 2** Service 1—make stockings, Service 2---stuff stockings, Panel Discussion--- adoptive parents, Video--- child bearing policy in China –Mr. Davis suggested contacting the author of Chinese Cinderella for a video chat or message from her

New format will be used to improve the two days and consider growth. Need parent volunteers for these days. Reading novel through homeroom during activity time. 6th grade books will go out to teachers next week. There is a moodle quiz to monitor reading completion. Service learning – partnering with DSS of Union County to collect items for and make stockings. Stockings will be donated or made by students. Adoptive parents of Chinese children will be here for panel discussion.

5) Fundraiser Application

- Approve?

Application and current service/fundraiser events were reviewed and approved for this year. Application was revised and approved.

Next Meeting Thursday, October 17th, 4:15pm

- Review School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- 2 Promotion Ceremonies this year?
- Master schedule for next year—growth and cafeteria