**Haymarket Elementary School School Advisory Council**

**Meeting minutes for February 7, 2023**

**Attendance:**

Mr. Baldwin-principal

Mrs. Mills-administrator

Mrs. Shore-administrator

Mr. Johnson-president

Ms. Herrington-secretary

Mrs. Bush-teacher

Ms. Poore-counselor

Mrs. Schenck-counselor

Mrs. Criser-counselor

Mr. Brown-security assistant

Mrs. Seeman-teacher

Ms. O’Neal-teacher

Ms. Ebeck-reading teacher

Elle Johnson

Sanford Rosenthal

Jessica Shepard

Kelli Rutherford

Katy Fisher

Manuella

Kori Brown

Patricia Lattanzi

Jenn Parker

Janet

**Minutes:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

Mrs. Schenck shared SCA updates:

 Students made blankets to donate to an animal shelter inspired by the One School One Author book being read in the upper grades; they were made during recess and other times; ½ have been donated

 Kindness week spirit days organized by SCA

Mrs. Rutherford shared PTO updates:

 Mural for the library in the approval stages; cost will be $10,000+; sketch has been given to the PTO

 Me and My Guy glow dance was a success; Me and My Mom dance upcoming

 Cookies and Cream 2/7

 Spring Carnival and silent auction is the next big event

 Playground equipment/work-not enough space to add an additional playground but looking in to painting VA and US maps on the concrete surfaces

Scott Brown introduction and presentation:

 Retired Fairfax County police officer and detective

 HMES parent

 Security assistant position is still being fully developed and varies from school to school based on school needs

 Goal: to make HMES 100% compliant under the policies set forth by risk management and to take extra steps to be above.

 Projects: some window coverings for the gym doors so people can’t see students but you can see out if inside the gym; fire extinguishers-added 2 in the office; working on adding an additional AED for accessibility around playground and/or classrooms; adding trauma kits to teacher bags; camera upgrades to eliminate blind spots with zoom and motion sensors; staff high visability vests when outside at recess; arrival and dismissal traffic

Principal report:

 National Counselor Week; praise for Schenck, Criser and Poore who work so well with our students, parents and teachers

 Attendance is a county-wide problem, with many families taking trips during the school year; county regulation is that missing 10% of total school days is chronically absent; letters are sent home; hesitant to push for perfect attendance due to spreading illnesses and children cannot control when parents decide to take trips

 Budget time teachers and staff are getting 5% raise; parent liaison is new paid position; safety assistants will be included; our front desk position is out of the school budget; due to increased enrollment (979 is the predicted enrollment) the learning “cottages” will be in use next school year for 4th or 5th grades; school isn’t going to have any additional classrooms/space at this time; drama will continue to be offered

 All teachers are 100% certified teachers; PE will have one temp/long term sub for the remainder of the school year

 Working on posters to be hung around the school to ensure all students and grade levels have the same behavioral expectations in the cafeteria, hallways, classrooms, buses etc.; when ready there will be family meetings to introduce the posters and review the expectations

 Continuous Improvement: (Mills-science) collaboration boards in the upper grade hallways; In the drama hallway there are boards for all students to participate with science and math weekly questions; adding a science corner in the newsletter; adding science vocabulary word walls in the classrooms and hallways; (Ebeck-literacy) HMES has many good things in place already; schoolwide use of Lexia which gives data to teachers for instruction; working on writing goals schoolwide; (Poore-climate and culture) all classes are holding weekly class meetings; counselors are sharing information with teachers about their monthly lessons; collaborating with teachers when problems arise from class meetings; appropriate social media and technology usage

County Superintendent meeting update: Ms. Herrington has attended the monthly meetings, due to time her summary was brief

 Budget is the hot topic right now; share what is gong well with parent involvement and accessibility to all parents/families, or areas of concern; what has come up at our meetings as concerns (transportation, safety, etc) have also been concerns at the county level meeting.

Questions:

 Katy Fisher asked about Cub Club. What is it, who is it for, etc: It is an opportunity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to get extra support in specific areas where they may need a boost

 Will snow days be given back/will we get out early? No information has been given about this

 Haymarket Church’s clothing drive for Back to Basics/Boxes of Basics benefited students at HMES. Thank you Haymarket Church.

Motion to dismiss by Katy and seconded by Elle at 8:02