

Parent Advisory Council

Sept 14, 2021

Call to order by Scott Baldwin @ 6:33 pm

Welcome (Scott)

Positions needed: VOP I rep, Villages @ Heathcote rep, PAC Chairperson

Nomination of Chairperson: Brian Johnson – approved by attendees

PTO Report (Patricia): Overview of PTO (membership, events, role, board members)

Fundraising goal for the year: \$20,000

Upcoming Events: trail race, Boosterthon

PTO Meeting: 9/28 @ 6:30 pm

Principal's Time

Health & Safety

Update with Principal Baldwin & Nurse Stevens was held last night – that will not be published/posted @ this time but there may be another session offered in the future

Enrollment

HMES is over the projected enrollment

Current enrollment: 850 without pre-K (860 including pre-K)

Funding will be based on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> enrollment number

Staffing Update, Budget

Every Kindergarten class has an aide currently – half of those aides are paid for out of HMES budget as county only covers 1 aide per 2 classes

Hopeful to get some aides for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes in the future

Open positions: 1:1 Autism aide

Free & reduced lunch ~ 15-16% of student body

Expected to get ~\$200K from increased enrollment + flex funds + Covid funds (VERY strict use of these)

Finalized budget will be made available in October

Arrival/Dismissal

Issues with buses & vans going around cars on Somerset – being addressed

Concerns about “walkers” crossing 4 lane highway

Concerns about speed on Somerset and the school zone being expanded

Bus timeliness improving

High volume of car riders is county-wide – still working out the ways to best handle volume

#### Canvas & Computers

Canvas is the ultimate goal but it will take time for the younger grades to become proficient

Every kid has a computer

#### Social-emotional Plans

All students will be taking a social-emotional check in from the county

HMES will do some additional input gathering from parents

Goal: Every student will be able to identify at least 2 people at the school they can talk to

Continuous improvement plan will be presented at next meeting

Superintendent Advisory Update – a group of reps from across the county; every school has a rep

Brian Johnson (chair) – prior to next meeting will get reps lined up for these meetings

#### Citizen's Time

What is HMES' capacity? 914

Average classroom size goal? 23-25 (pays for the teacher); 28 = upper limit

School picture day = Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Back to School nights: still working out details (in person vs virtual). Dates: Oct 12 grades K&1; Oct 13 grades 2&3; Oct 14 grades 4&5

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Scott @ 7:20 pm (Seconded by Janine).

In attendance:

Scott Baldwin: HMES Principal

Brenda Bush: special education teacher @ HMES

Brian Johnson: HMES parent

Patricia Lattanzi: HMES parent, PTO President

Jenn Parker: Parks at Piedmont rep, HMES parent

Nicole Mills: HMES Assistant Principal

Monica Seeman: first grade teacher

Mike Romero: HMES parent

Elle Johnson: HMES parent; VOP 2 rep

Mrs. Rahimi: HMES parent

Ryan Allen: HMES parent

Sanford Rosenthal (?): Westmarket rep; HMES parent

Katy Fisher: HMES parent; Virginia Crossing rep

Candice Thomas (?): HMES parent

Rapa Barsel: HMES parent, PAC vice chair