

# SFC Council

## *General Meeting*

6:00 p.m., Tues., 01.09.24

(virtual meeting)

### **Greetings & Introductions [10 min.]**

1. Toja: brief intro of who is in attendance & announcements
  - a. Mr. Eric James from DOT
  - b. Volunteers to help Middle School Teachers: Molly and Lindsay will coordinate with Mrs. Brown and her team to figure out what help is needed, when, and how many people for each teacher.
  - c. Teacher Support Survey - C&A: What can MWS families do to support our teachers in this transition and adjustment period? The survey will include things like volunteering time in the classroom to delivering meals on weeknights. Essence has either already sent the survey out or will do so soon. We hope to get the results and begin an action plan next week.
  - d. Tigers Got Talent - SFCC & PTO
    - i. Lindsay: what support is needed?
      1. Sound tech: music/transition music
      2. House/Stage Management
      3. PTO & SFCC will be selling concessions: We already have snacks; Lisa Armenti will be purchasing drinks to sell.
      4. Check emails and texts to keep things moving
    - ii. Next Fri. 1/16/24 (need to confirm this date or postpone, given the short timeline to prepare)

## Leadership Team Updates [35 min.]

1. Brief announcement from Toja
  - a. Reminder to be civil
  - b. Media Committee - call to join (contact Toja Okoh at [mws.sfcc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:mws.sfcc.chair@gmail.com))
  - c. District has been responsive in terms of meeting the community and honoring questions/concerns
2. Mrs. Brown/Mr. Johnson - Discussing the recent events/next steps surrounding the move
  - a. Appreciates the collaboration with Toja and SFCC
  - b. Appreciates parents sharing feedback
  - c. Spoke with Dr. Santelises: they have received the feedback!
  - d. Some things the district will support us with:
    - i. new furniture for the MS building
    - ii. Curtains/blinds for the floor to ceiling windows in the prefab building
    - iii. Plans to improve the main building
      1. Gym floor replacement (this is a huge deal)
      2. Replace stage curtains in the gym/auditorium
      3. Classroom cabinet replacements
      4. District offered to install asphalt on the playground, but we need to iron out what that looks like
      5. One Screens are being installed in MS and in the ES too
  - e. Friday, 01/12/24: update to let the community know about the readiness of the MS building and occupancy
  - f. Teachers are working with students and also attempting to prioritize getting set up in the prefab space
    - i. Teachers could use volunteers for this or for virtual field trips
    - ii. This will free up time for teachers to work on setting up their classrooms while students do virtual field trips

Task: SFCC will work with Mrs. Brown and Essence to recruit needed volunteers.
  - g. Mrs. Brown plans to talk with students about the rules, procedures, and expectations on Friday (01/12) so that kids know what to do and what's expected of them once they are in the new building
  - h. ILT have completed the student handbook, which will be shared with MS

students and families in hard copy form; electronic copies will be shared via parentsquare and linked on the school website.

- i. Task: Mrs. Brown needs a parent volunteer on Friday for a virtual meeting with Mrs. Brown, Mr. Johnson and a teacher to demo and discuss a new drop-off and pick-up app that should facilitate these processes
    - i. There might be other apps to help with dismissal
    - ii. One is called CurbSmart and Mrs. Brown wants to consider using this so that we can keep track of all kids and their various dismissals
    - iii. Digital program might streamline so that Mrs. Brown and teachers know more immediately where kids need to go or where they went
  - j. City Schools is now going to be setting up websites for every school in the district
    - i. Ms. Essence is helping MWS with this and shifting the MWS site to the district site
    - ii. Schools cannot hold onto their individual websites once our new BCPSS-made website is up and running
    - iii. BCPSS will control all school websites, though schools can post to these sites
    - iv. Kata (PTO) should be able to support/participate in this transition since she built our current site
3. Eric James, DOT
- a. Very busy between MWS and Cross Country moving at the same time
  - b. Toja shared questions from the community for Mr. James
    - i. Convergence onto Lochlea - is it now one way?
      1. No - it is still 2 way
      2. Can it be one-way during school hours or one-way from South to Kelly
      3. Lochlea has no sidewalk on either side so this is a problem for vehicle and pedestrian traffic
        - a. DOT does not handle sidewalks adjacent to schools; this falls under the jurisdiction of BCPSS
      4. Installing a stop sign on South at Hillendale - another bottleneck (already on the list of to-do's with the traffic study)
      5. South has become a point of concern in terms of safety for pedestrians as well as vehicle traffic converging with school drivers
      6. Lots of concern about Lochlea and Mr. James suggests waiting a few weeks to see what is going on

7. MWIA is also meeting with Mr. James to discuss traffic patterns in the neighborhood on Friday
8. Amanda Haines suggested a right turn on Sulgrave for people going east and west
9. There was also a request for staggered dismissal
  - a. Mrs. Brown shared that our bus schedule has not been approved to be staggered because of the bus schedule
10. What about staggering release times so that there is a different schedule for kids who are taking school buses?
11. They do stagger starting at 3:05, but that is taking away 25 mins
12. Interest in adding a third crossing guard, but Mr. James noted that the district is short crossing guards
  - ii. Mr. James said they will do a traffic study but it might not be done until Feb because they are understaffed
  - iii.
- c.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS? [20 min.]**

1. Will Mrs. Brown post student handbook to the website?
  - a. Yes
2. Two-hour delay tomorrow (1/10/24), meaning that school will open at 10:45am.