

**The Mount Washington School
School Family Council
Meeting: 4/6/21, 6-7PM (Virtual via Zoom)**

Attendees:

Leaha Charles-Pierre	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Teacher, Parent
Amalie Ward	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Parent, 4 th Grade
Amie Luther	SFC Representative-Teacher, 1st Grade
Karen Ginyard	SFC Representative-Teacher, 3rd Grade
Elizabeth Piatt	SFC Representative-Teacher, K-8 Music
Tavian Cardwell	SFC Representative-Parent, 2 nd Grade
Alicia Marner	SFC Representative-Parent, 5 th Grade
Deborah Harburger	SFC Representative-Parent, Middle School
Dave McMurray	PTO President
Jocelyn Casser	Parent, PTO Representative

Notes:

Old Business & Updates:

March minutes: Due to the small number of attendees, notes from the March meeting will be reviewed at the May meeting.

School-Wide Events:

Q&A with a Pediatrician & Master Educators: This event was held on March 22, 2021 at 6pm. The event was very engaging. There were some technical challenges that prevented some families from participating. The recording from the session will be posted on the MWS website.

Trivia Night: The trivia night will be Saturday, April 10th at 6pm. Information has been posted in Class Dojo. It is a family trivia event with questions from first through eighth grades on a variety of topics. The SFC discussed the structure of the quiz and the prizes, which are funded through the PTO allocation to SFC.

Other Updates:

Recruitment to boost enrollment: Emily Herstein (PTO treasurer) is looking for a middle school parent and other parents who are free this Saturday, April 10 from 10:30-12 to join a Zoom session with Live Baltimore where lots of families who have been waitlisted or who are new to Baltimore meet with reps from the school chat about MWS (we are 1 of several schools). Deborah Harburger offered to participate and asked that additional middle school parents be outreached to participate as well. Amalie Ward will follow up with Emily Herstein.

School Directory: At the last meeting, there was a discussion of developing a schoolwide directory. It will get updated annually with kindergarten and new families and removing families who no longer go to MWS. Decisions regarding format (hard copy or electronic only) are to be decided. The directories will be provided to each grade band with information for that grade band only to support communication across the grades. Amalie Ward offered to look into online options (thanks to PTO funding) and will report back before the May meeting.

SFC Membership: Amalie Ward will outreach to parent representatives on the SFC to see if they want to continue on next year. The community will be invited to participate in the May meeting in case they are interested in serving as a representative next year.

PTO Updates:

Spring beautification is coming up on April 10, 2021 at the Outdoor Classroom.

The Silent Auction will be held April 15-18 using the Handbid app. There are around \$13,000 worth of items donated. Funds raised will benefit MWS and the PTO.

Pajama Glow Stick Party will be held on April 16th. Registration is open. There will be a raffle, music, and scavenger hunt.

An Auction FlowerMart is open now through April 18th. Flowers can be ordered and pick up from the Upper Building Parking Lot will be on May 1.

April Dine-Out will be at Pizza Blitz on April 21, 2021.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there was a lower attendance at the meeting. The list of items for follow up will be communicated to the MWS Administration to determine what can be communicated electronically, discussed in small groups, or placed on the agenda for May or June:

- Continued Agenda Items:
 - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (May 3-7)
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/>
 - Update from subcommittees on work accomplished this year.
 - Provide updates on the budget forum held on March 3, 2021.
 - Follow up on school uniform policy for 2021-2022 school year (plan for drafting, sharing for feedback, finalizing, and disseminating)
- Recruitment & Enrollment:
 - Updates on high school and middle school enrollment plans for next year (where students are heading).
 - MWS recruitment & enrollment updates (including kindergarten and middle school)
 - Updates on the brochure and marketing materials.
- Year-End Activities:
 - Updates on kindergarten, 5th, and 8th grade closing activities
 - 3rd grade "moving up" ceremony & virtual tour
 - Yearbook
- Looking Ahead to Next Year:
 - Updates on the school directory.
 - Plan to recruit SFC representatives for next year.
 - Discuss further the options and strategies for developing a school-wide calendar for next year.