

**The Mount Washington School
School Family Council
Meeting: 9/28/21, 6-7PM (Virtual via Zoom)**

Attendees:

Leaha Charles-Pierre	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Teacher, Parent, 5th Grade
Amalie Ward	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Parent, 5 th Grade
Sara Long	Administration-Principal
Michael Johnson	Administration-Assistant Principal
Bethany Jacobs	Administration-Assistant Principal
Karen Ginyard	SFC Representative-Teacher, 3rd Grade
Elizabeth Piatt	SFC Representative-Teacher, K-8 Music
Keisha Samuel	SFC Representative-Secretary
Kathryn Chib	SFC Representative-Parent, 1 st Grade
Tahilin Sanchez Karver	SFC Representative-Parent, 2nd Grade
Warren & Bridgette Chambers	SFC Representative-Parent, 2nd Grade
Ilene Berman	SFC Representative-Parent, 2nd Grade
Tavian Cardwell	SFC Representative-Parent, 3rd Grade
Eric Norton	SFC Representative-Parent, 4th Grade
Laura Green	SFC Representative-Parent, 8th Grade
Madeline Burell	Student, 8th Grade

Notes: Staff in attendance: Keisha Samuels, Other parents in attendance: Molly Allen, Jocelyn Casser, Chad Cover, Ben Falk, Bethany Gregg, Cynthia Johnson, Victoria Lebron-Smith, Molly Marra, Toja Okoh, Rhonda Scott, Zafar Shah

Old Business & Updates:

- *Meeting Notes:* First Meeting of the Year; monthly meeting dates will be last Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
- Nicole Humphreys is joining us in upcoming meetings from Holistic Life Foundation as a Community Partner; we are still looking for one Community Partner Representative

Administrator Updates: (Ms. Long, School Principal)

- Positive start to the school year: mask compliance; moved Upper Building lunch to outdoors and Lower School is eating lunch in cafeteria one grade at a time; there have been no positive reports via pooled testing

Q&A with Admin:

- Ms. Long expects to be able to report out on weekly basis
- If a child is quarantined but not sick they will be expected to turn in work (similar to last year's plan)
- Lrg group quarantine (e.g. by class) we can expect teacher to teach virtually using Google classroom; if fewer kids quarantine the aim will be to have them join during a portion of the day
- Not every LB classroom is air-conditioned; administration is looking into what it would take to install A/C in every classroom in order to stay open (anticipating next SY)
- Currently waiting for distribution of devices from district for students who do not have them **BUT** parents can go to North Avenue ITD between 8:30-5 to immediately retrieve child's device; need child's ID number (ask classroom teacher for ID if needed); personal devices are not allowed in the building

Mission of MWS SFC: (Leaha Charles-Pierre)

"One School, One Voice, One Goal - All the children are well."

Core SFC Committees

- **Family & Community Engagement:** works with PTO: teacher chairs- Mrs. Charles-Pierre and Mrs. Blount;
- **Attendance Team:** teacher chair- Ms. Corbin with help from Ms. Piatt and Mr. Johnson,
- **Culture & Climate:** teacher chairs- Ms. Drummond & Ms. Saunders --eg: safety concerns (e.g., unmowed grass on playground)
- **Instructional Leadership Team:** chaired by Ms. Long
--eg: expanding IB through LB

Amalie stated that perhaps we can choose grade band reps as chairs for committees (FCEC, Culture & Climate?) as well (One School, Voice, One Goal)

Function of PTO vs. SFC: SFC deals with issues unrelated to monies; PTO's primary responsibilities revolve around fund-raising and financially enhancing MWS

SFC Rep Responsibilities: (Amalie Ward)

- District is currently revamping role of SFC in schools

- Grade-band reps should check in periodically with teachers to see what help they need and what help might be needed from parents
- Grade-band reps should communicate to everyone in grade via Bloomz and offer assistance with help or concerns to ensure every voice is heard
- Grade-band reps may communicate directly with admin to get resolution for grade-band issues (i.e., no need to wait to SFC meetings to raise concerns)
- Request for basic training on Bloomz for ability to communicate via Blooms

Fall Festival: (Leaha Charles-Pierre)

- October 22
- Hosting in conjunction with PTO
- Festivities will be held in school during school day
- Socially-distanced pumpkin fundraiser at end of school day

Walk to School Day: (Tavian Cardwell)

- October 6
- Meet at one of six summits

Follow-Up/Action Steps:

- Request Ms. Jacobs post video training for navigating Bloomz (post to Bloomz)
- Update SFC page on MWS website
- Grade band reps to reach out to grade band:
 - introduce themselves as grade band point person and invite to share concerns, etc.
 - (parent concern → SFC rep → administrator)
 - post announcement regarding retrieval of district computers at North Ave