



Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent

Meeting Summary Notes: October 5, 2015

Meeting Summary Notes are intended to serve as the superintendent's reflection on the discussions that occur during advisory committee meetings. They are not intended to be exhaustive. Instead, they are intended to serve as a general record for our on-going efforts to assess our needs, determine our goals, map out our strategies, and evaluate our policies, procedures and programs. Participants should contact the superintendent if they observe any critical oversight or misinterpretation.

Participants present: Donnie Kern (MVES), Robert Tucker (AHS), Michelle Downs (SES), Lorie Bess (Administrative Assistant), and Eugene Kotulka (Superintendent).

1. A participant reported at the October 26 AHS PTO meeting, there will be a discussion to see if there is enough interest to restart the Celebration of the Arts program.
2. As a follow up to a previous suggestion, Mr. Kotulka reported the installation of a canopy at MVES is in the Capital Improvement Plan. It is not a top priority but it is included, he explained.
3. Mr. Kotulka again encouraged participants to review the Capital Improvement Plan and Comprehensive Plan on the website and let him know if they have any suggestions.
4. Mr. Kotulka reported employees will receive their salary increase in their December payroll.
5. Mr. Kotulka reported there are some cases of MRSA. He noted the division is working closely with the health department and will be doing thorough cleanings twice per day until this is under control.
6. A participant suggested alerting all parents in the school when a child is diagnosed with head lice. Mr. Kotulka explained we give as much information as we can and if a child is diagnosed with head lice, a letter is sent home to the parents in that classroom. He stated he would review the lice policy to see if it needs to be revised.
7. A participant asked about the weapons policy. Mr. Kotulka explained the law has changed and administrators can now make another recommendation besides expulsion, depending on the case. He stated students in JK-grade 2 do not have the mental ability to understand the concept of bringing a weapon to school and that administration has to consider the intent and understanding of the student. He assured participants that a student will not be permitted to return to class unless it is safe.
8. A participant asked if teachers are permitted to search book bags of students. Mr. Kotulka reported only if there is reasonable cause, and the search should be done by an administrator, not the teacher.
9. A participant stated the division should revisit the idea of building a flood wall at the high school, since a new high school was not built. Mr. Kotulka replied he would review the information.

The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

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