



## Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent

Meeting Summary Notes: October 10, 2016

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Participants present: Ginni Phillips (CMS), Robert Tucker (AHS), Jessica Bush (MVES), Michelle Downs (SES), Ashley Terrell (CES), Schuyler Fury (SES), Fred Vaughan (Director of Human Resources and Pupil Personnel), Lorie Bess (Administrative Assistant), and Eugene Kotulka (Superintendent).

1. Follow up from previous meeting: Flood wall at AHS. Mr. Kotulka reported he found no official approval of funds for the flood wall to be built. There was, in fact, discussion about it, but no formal approval in the Board minutes. He noted the building is insured for \$50 million but it was originally believed to be only \$1 million.
2. Mr. Kotulka informed participants of a developing group of people consisting of ACPS, Covington schools, DSLCC, The Allegheny Foundation, and others, who will meet to focus on education in our area. The group will meet November 30.
3. Mr. Kotulka reported a great opening to the school year. He reported Chromebooks have been introduced at AHS. The AHS staff meets weekly to learn how to integrate the Chromebooks into the classroom. He reiterated the Chromebooks are not intended to replace the teacher, but they are an extra resource for the teacher to use.
4. Participants reported the two new principals are doing a good job and are very active in the schools.
5. Mr. Vaughan reported the Mock Disaster Drill was held in August and was well received. He noted a concern that came from the drill was reunification sites, where the sites would be held. He stated he works closely with law enforcement and there is still a lot of training and planning going on. A participant asked if subs could be given keys to the buildings so they can lock the doors in the event of a true emergency. At this time, subs do not have keys. Mr. Vaughan replied they should have keys and he would take care of it.
6. A participant suggested Callaghan and Sharon Elementary schools should have SRO's in the building for safety purposes and also as a bonding opportunity for elementary age students.
7. A participant asked what to do if a parent does not want their child's picture on social media or the division website. Mr. Kotulka replied there is a form the parent can fill out to opt out of pictures being used for school purposes, however the parent should realize this also means the child's picture can't be used in the yearbook. Certain information is considered

“directory information” (See Policy JO-R) and can be used at the schools discretion. If there is a PTO event and a parent doesn’t want their child photographed, the PTO president needs to be made aware. It was suggested the school division have a parent seminar on internet/social media safety.

8. A participant stated at the recent parent/teacher conferences, some elementary parents expressed concern that their child received letter grades on report cards instead of O/S. The parents stated they prefer the O/S grade. Mr. Kotulka explained this topic varies constantly and everyone cannot be pleased. The Report Card Committee met and decided on how grades would be listed in PowerSchool.
9. A participant stated there are not enough hallway bathrooms at MVES and the yellow hall faucets keep getting stuck. Recess and lunchtime are the most congested times. Mr. Kotulka encouraged them to speak with the principal about these concerns to work out a rotation schedule for bathroom breaks.
10. A participant stated they are happy to see the CMS website is being updated regularly.
11. A participant stated parents were pleased with Homecoming and appreciated the students being able to wear semi-formal attire.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

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