

## MMS SIT Meeting February 2, 2017

### In attendance:

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### Prior to start of meeting:

**Molly Smith, Journalism Student from UNC** joined our group this evening. Some questions were asked:

Do we see any benefit to charter/public schools ?

Do charter school help equity - ?

New Superintendent - 1 year of teaching experience, there are concerns.

•**Approval of minutes** - motion to approve by Wendy York, second by Liz Gray.

•**Public Comments** - Rachel Cone brought up an idea of matching up an 8th grade family with a 6th family to help get families connected...a mentor/mentee type of relationship. Perhaps something that could tie in with Middle School 101 over the summer. This would include the family units.

Tiger Links at the high school could be a nice model for this to be done perhaps through a WIN group.

•**Student Announcements** - no

•**PTA Announcements** - We are steadily making progress with donations and fundraisers. We will continue to encourage people to join. There is a Flapjack at Hickory Tavern fundraiser on February 25th.

•**Chair Announcements** -.Rachel Cone will be joining our group as a public member she is considering joining as a possible parent representative. Geoff Gentry will be joining us as a Classified Staff Representative.

•**Principal's Announcements** -

Finished Benchmark Testing - math and ELA teachers will have a chance to review data during the school day with substitutes provided so they can really get into the numbers in a meaningful way.

Thursday Feb 9 the entire school will be doing a review day.

Restorative Practices, the Community Presentation was very well attended...we are looking into implementing these practices on a district level.

We are revising the Code of Conduct to reflect our movement towards restorative practices, this represents a mind shift in how we talk about discipline in the school.

PTA - Teacher Appreciation week comes at a time when many teachers can use a boost, which is why we do it in February instead of at the end of the year.

K-12 Niche Ranking web-site - we have the number one rated teachers, number three rated school and are in the 99% nationwide overall per their survey methods. Go us!

"Ms. Christal" Christal Moore, our wonderful book keeper came by to visit us last week. Her working memory is coming back and she is working hard at recovering.

We have a 7th grade science opening (Mr. Bashford)

Connie Riddle, school nurse is retiring as of April 1.

The political arena - some students are concerned and worried. Our kids need to know they have a voice here...we are trying to build a sense of community with some of these students and their families. An email was sent out during our meeting assuring students and families that they are safe at school.

•**School Board Member Sharing** - Rani Dasi is our new liaison to the CHCCS board. Board Priorities - trying to be more transparent with what is in the budget. We need to be prepared for how we will handle any budget changes coming from the state.

Initial Equity Plan for the district was not approved because we feel we can add more to the plan to include metrics and accountability.

Our new superintendent will be starting April 3rd. Dr. Baldwin will be able to bring great leadership and experience. The district will look for ways to get her introduced to the community

Ms. Dasi stated how much the district has appreciated Dr. Causby and his great leadership in the interim. He will be missed.

•**Items from December 2016 meeting:**

<http://www.rethinkwords.com/schools>

Update on Cyberbullying: Our counselors have been suggesting the above app to students who might benefit, and in the classroom it has been brought up in general guidance lessons.

There is an app that tracks the time students are not on their phone so that kids can earn points for when they are not on their phone at school.

•**Items for next agenda:**

Will need to solicit proctors for EOG's...Geoff Gentry suggested a Google Form Sign-up to get things rolling.

Parents/student mentoring ideas for next incoming class...possibly to include parents corner, Twitter Feed or get togethers.