

MMS SIT Meeting February 20, 2018

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•Approval of minutes - approved

•Public Comments -

- ∞ **Level 5 / AIG - challenges of students failing to meet their annual growth**
 - What are we (MMS) doing to alleviate this?
 - Do we send letters to let parents of these students know?
- ∞ Lack of consistency across schools for clubs specifically Math, Science especially in light of our significant student population in compact Math
 - Opportunities to participate in Mathcounts, AMC-8, Science Olympiad.... Can parents drive this?
- ∞ Potential changes to Math options in 2018 and CDM timeline changes - Transparency
- ∞ Access to iReady and Benchmark(?) testing results. How can parents help their children when we don't know?
- ∞ Access to 6th graders for non-contact sports e.g. cross country, tennis...

- ∞ We have requested our AIG Specialist be full time due to the workload. District is working with Elon to provide more people with AIG certification to help with this issue district wide.
- ∞ We are working to challenge students at all levels. On road map adding some sort of a compacted ELA classes and plans in place.
- ∞ iReady results went home with 2nd quarter report cards. Shows data for the current year including growth. Looking at the results the coaches worked with the teachers to help them know how to help individual students grow. iReady test is individualized for each student to measure the students levels and growth.
- ∞ Clubs have to be teacher sponsored due to liability issues. The clubs help prepare the students for high school. Offered them WIN times. Some clubs require a certain number of students in order to participate/compete. Established programs and teachers help. Joint teams with other middle

- schools is a backup plan. How do we promote when people sign up for WIN. A lot of the clubs are after school and come with stipends, but a lot of our staff have second jobs. Dr. Baldwin is looking in to a lot of the district policies.
- ∞ 6th Grade sports part is a financial constraints. Intramurals just in the district? Pay to play? Last year each school SIT team considered it last year and the vote was not to include 6th graders. 6th grade is a transition year and then get started with sports in 7th grade. Getting grades for 6th graders (from 5th grade) is currently a challenge (until elementary schools roll on to putting grades in PowerSchool). Other opportunities in the community for 6th graders.

•Student Announcements - It is our goal to have students on the team. Transportation is an issue. We are adding some next year. We do have student government being elected in the Spring. Possibly use them. Alter meeting times to help students come.

•PTA Announcements - Meeting on Thursday. Working to increase school spirit and it is showing.

•Chair Announcements -

- ∞ District Preliminary Budget Request:
 - ∞ Potential Legislative salary and benefit increase
 - ∞ Potential impact of School Funding formula changes
 - ∞ Funding for renovations to school facilities
 - ∞ Potential charter student increase
 - ∞ Areas with continuous budget shortfalls: Transportation, Exceptional Children, etc
 - ∞ Class size legislation, waiver until 2020
- ∞ District Strategic Planning
 - ∞ Homework Discussion / Survey (min. Per grade level 60, 70, 80 min. How to balance it out for AIG students, EC, LEP, etc. How to balance it by team, subject levels, etc.) Ask parents what is happening how much are they getting, are they being challenged, quality of homework, etc. Also get student thoughts as well. Are they doing homework during lunch time? Dr. Baldwin talking with teachers and students about the policies and work. Share thoughts with Nicole via email (before the end of March).

•Principal's Announcements -

- ∞ Walkout demonstrations - We are looking at productive activities in class rather than a walk out. Walk out has safety concerns. We are going to work with the student council and teachers to give the students an opportunity to express themselves in a manner in which they are comfortable. Options based on grade level.

- ∞ Schedules - Mr. Bales will email out an article about scheduling. Middle Schools have to be similar blocks of time. Mr. Bales and others in the district are going to California in March to look at their schedules.
- ∞ EOY Testing - 4 days only in the mornings. (May 30, 31, June 1 and June 5)
- ∞ AVID Demonstration - Toured a school in Sanford to see how they are doing it. We are working towards helping all classes to be organized with note taking and other things.

•**From December's Meeting** - None

•**Items for Next Agenda:** Information from CA trip & Follow-up on homework discussion.