



Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent

Meeting Summary Notes: April 10, 2017

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: Robert Tucker (AHS), Michelle Downs (SES), Schuyler Fury (SES), Jessica Bush (MVES), Mary Jane Mutispaugh (Director of Instruction), Fred Vaughan (Director of Human Resources and Pupil Personnel), Lorie Bess (Administrative Assistant), and Eugene Kotulka (Superintendent).

1. Mr. Kotulka provided an update on the budget. He stated the budget was approved by the School Board and has been presented to the Board of Supervisors. He noted an average 1.22% salary increase is included for all employees. Also, the Mental Health Counselor position will be maintained.
2. Mr. Kotulka discussed the New Tech program. He stated the goal is to implement the program in the fall of 2018. He is currently forming a planning team to work out the details. He noted Covington students have been invited to participate.
3. Mr. Kotulka reported the Report card Committee would be meeting on April 20 and each school has a parent representative. A participant stated K/1/3 grade parents are concerned about art grades and their students not being interested in art class. This concern has been shared with the principal.
4. A participant reported parents are asking for a stop sign at the end of the circle at MVES. Mr. Kotulka replied he would ask VDOT to look into it and they would decide if a stop sign is appropriate.
5. A participant suggested stair stepping release times at MVES because the younger students are released at the same time as the older students. Mr. Kotulka replied it is a bus time issue and he will look into it. He stated he would discuss this with the principal to see if the younger students could be brought in a few minutes early from recess for dismissal.
6. Mr. Kotulka asked participants what their goals are for the committee next year, or their needs for a successful school year. The following response was received:
 - Improve reading at SES

The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m. NEXT MEETING: This was the last meeting of the year. Meetings will resume in September.

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