Washington Middle School

Building Leadership Team
1/6/2021 7:40-8:40 am

Facilitator: Ellie Irish-Jones
Timekeeper: Siobhan Morgan
Recorder: Siobhan Morgan/Ellie Irish-Jones
Other Attendees:

Goals: To promote highly engaged classrooms and start the necessary work to close the academic gap at Washington Middle School

Agenda:
- 2021-22 Bell Schedule and Advisory

TAF may be whole building. Advisory was not considered at this time

- Second Semester PD Calendar Adjustments
  Results were sent via email.

- PTSA and TAF Parent Advisory Group Report Out
  Last meeting 12/14
  Next meeting 1/11 at 6:30. Regularly scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month

- Department share out (If applicable)
  TAF-1/20 Project Feedback day

- Admin Report
  SPS is in a 48 million deficit
2021-22 Bell Schedule

5 Period Day – Draft has been shared with BLT, Instructional Council and will be share with staff on January 13th

Request for WSS revision

Have been meeting (monthly since November) with Wyeth Jesse (Chief of Schools) to request a revision to the Weighted Staff Formula for Washington. Our House Model and HCC program and the addition of more students with the decrease of student population at Mercer calls for a different funding model. Meeting with Jolynn Burge (CFO) today and hoping to have a new staffing model prior to our budget discussion in March.

Middle School Boundaries Discussion

Seattle Public Schools Enrollment Department has shared two proposals with the families of the Mercer Middle School feeder pattern to assist with decreasing the student population at Mercer starting in the Fall of 2021. After reviewing data, feedback from potentially impacted communities, and discussing with the School Board, the two proposals below will be presented for consideration.

- Hawthorne moves to Washington and Dearborn Park moves to Aki Kurose
- Kimball moves to Washington and Hawthorne moves to Aki Kurose

After the meeting on the 6, the enrollment department believes the School Board will pick one scenario to introduce at the next Board meeting on 1/13. The Board would move to take action at the Jan 27 meeting.

We do not have any further information. please attend the board meeting if you are interested in the outcome or have questions for the enrollment department.

2021-22 Budgeting Process

February 22nd – School are tentatively scheduled to receive their budgets

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March 3 – First BLT Meeting to discuss budget and start building a proposal to present to WMS staff (we will schedule daily meetings if we are not able to get a consensus)

March 10 – Budget Presentation at Staff Meeting

We had district budget meeting last night from 4:30-6 and were told there is a 48 million dollar deficit in SPS. The budget department is preparing a proposal to be presented to the School board. They are taking the two recommendation to board January 7th at budget work session, hoping to have a final board recommendation on January 20th.

2021-22 - Professional Development and CSIP

After our budgeting process in March, we will move to preparing our PD calendar and CSIP for presentation to staff in May. Washington Middle School will be developing a 3 year CSIP Plan.

We had 15 people fill out the form.

1. Grading without zeros/clear grading guidelines (11 votes)
2. Effective communication and collaboration (8 votes)
2a) Increasing student engagement (8 votes)
3. PDs involving more collaboration time with peers and less time being talked at (7 votes)
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3a) Differentiation of instruction- tips and tricks (7 votes)
4. Offer multiple PDs at the same time, staff choose which one to join (6 votes)
4a) Effective group work/complex instruction (6 votes)

Please note that (3) and (4) are more about delivery of the PD. So, perhaps those can be factored into the other topics that were voted for when planning the PD? Two birds one stone type of thing...

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