

Parent Advisory Meeting Notes
November 9, 2017

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on November 9, 2017, with 19 parent representatives in attendance.

Esperanza McCrary, Parent Engagement Specialist, welcomed the group to the Parent Advisory. Ms. McCrary announced that in January applications will be available for our academies. Information regarding the application dates and process will be posted on CMCSS Facebook and everyone is encouraged to share through your social media outlets to get the word out.

Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools, spoke to the group briefly regarding his first few months as Director. Mr. House commented that he is finishing up details of his "Entry Plan" and documenting the findings of his first 100 days. He stated that he has visited every school and has had a chance to spend time listening to principals, administrators, teachers, parents and students throughout the district. In addition, Mr. House has had the opportunity to get to know and meet with county officials and numerous industry leaders in an effort to establish important relationships around the county. He shared that he has been working with the TN Department of Education during his transition becoming acclimated and building those relationships also. Mr. House's RISE report (a summary of his first 100 days) will be shared with the district as well as the community at the end of November and will provide detailed comprehensive information of our CMCSS vision and what our strategy will look like moving forward.

Mr. Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer, addressed the group providing streamlined information with regard to zoning, student enrollment growth, and building capacity. He explained how collected data over the past 30+ years is reported to the state and how it is utilized within CMCSS to determine operationally the number of buses that are needed and the number of seats required in every classroom across the district's 39 schools. Trending data is important as it helps us to understand future needs for planning capacity. CMCSS is one of the fastest growing communities in the state of Tennessee and projected to be the 4th largest city within the next 5 – 6 years. Mr. Sumrell talked about the sharing of factual information with the Montgomery County Planning Commission as far as building permits issued and how this is beneficial to CMCSS in planning for growth and appropriate zoning within our schools. Currently, there are 24 elementary schools and 9 are already exceeding capacity. Another 5 elementary schools are close behind and the remaining 10 are operating efficiently in the 70 – 90 % range. There are 7 middle schools where 3 are over capacity, 3 are approaching capacity, and 1 in the 70 – 90 % range. There are 7 high schools with 1 over, 2 approaching, and the 4 remaining are in the 70 – 90% range. Recent industrial growth projections were 34,607 students for the 17 – 18 school year, however, the actual number is 34,878. Projecting forward into the 2020 – 2021 school year with a 10 year growth factor using prior data, indicates substantial growth will continue. Mr. Sumrell commented approval has already been granted by the County Commission for 4 additions to existing schools (Northeast High, Northeast Middle, Barkers Mill Elementary, and Minglewood Elementary). County officials are engaged and are aware of our challenges and concerns. Joint committees between CMCSS and county government are being formed and collaboration will continue to proactively search for land acquisition options and strategically plan for future growth. Mr. Sumrell explained a tentative plan has been agreed upon by all parties to establish the 8th middle school, the 8th high school, and would add 4 more expansions to existing elementary schools (in addition to the 4 mentioned above) which would result in a \$120M capital investment in public education in Montgomery County.

Dr. Kimmie Sucharski presented a continuation report on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and Accountability for CMCSS. Dr. Sucharski shared a message from Dr. McQueen, Commissioner of Education, which includes the results of the first complete set of testing for TNReady (a more rigorous assessment that is aligned to TN academic standards). Because it was the first year of TNReady for students, their results set a new baseline for future growth, and achievement scores cannot be compared to past TCAP assessments. Currently, CMCSS is identified as in "PENDING" status as the state re-verifies the data. There are 4 final key elements that identify scores: In Need of Improvement; Progressing, Achieving, and Exemplary.

CMCSS pending scores are as follows:

Pathway	Average	Determination	Overall Average	Final Determination
Achievement	5.13	Exemplary	2.94	Pending
Subgroup	2.75	Achieving		
Final Determination Key	In Need of Improvement	Progressing	Achieving	Exemplary
	Missed Minimum Performance Goal	Below 2.0	2.0 < 3.0	3.0 and above
	District is showing isolated improvement, if any	District is improving on average but missing growth expectation	District is meeting growth expectation on average	District is exceeding growth expectation on average

District All Level 5's for All 12 measures for 3rd year in a row. Dr. Sucharski stated that CMCSS is 1 district out of only 8 with all 5's in the entire state.

District Name	System-Wide: Composite	System-Wide: Literacy	System-Wide: Numeracy	System-Wide: Literacy and Numeracy	System-Wide: Science	System-Wide: Social Studies
CMCSS	5	5	5	5	5	5

Subject	Grade	CMCSS % On Track/Mastered (Proficient/Advanced)	State % On Track/Mastered (Proficient/Advanced)
ELA	3rd through 5th	45.1	34.0
ELA	6th through 8th	38.9	33.6
Math	3rd through 5th	50.8	40.1
Math	6th through 8th	41.3	38.0
Science	3rd through 5th	75.7	55.8
Science	6th through 8th	77.8	61.4
HS ELA	9th through 12th	41.1	34.3
HS Math	9th through 12th	27.6	21.5
HS Science	9th through 12th	66.7	51.0

Dr. Sucharski announced the 9 CMCSS Reward schools. Reward schools are identified as the top 5% in all contents (Science, Math, ELA) for achievement, percent proficient or growth (called progressive). The Reward schools named were Middle College at APSU, Byrns Darden, Barksdale, East Montgomery, Glenellen, Hazelwood, Liberty, New Providence Middle, and Northwest High.

The meeting notes from each meeting will be posted on the CMCSS website under the "Students & Parents" tab.

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