

Parent Advisory Meeting Notes  
September 6, 2018

The Parent Advisory meeting was held on September 6, 2018, with 21 parent representatives in attendance.

Esperanza McCrary, Parent Engagement Specialist, welcomed the group to the Parent Advisory meeting. Esperanza went over the purpose of the meetings and thanked the everyone for their participation.

Mr. House welcomed the group and discussed some of the major back to school events which took place. Information regarding student transportation was briefly discussed.

**Dr. Mary Gist, Director of Middle Schools**

Dr. Gist presented information regarding social/emotional learning programs. She gave a brief overview of what the program looks like and explained the purpose.

**[Social Emotional Learning PowerPoint](#)**

There will be an electronic referral system. This system will allow us to analyze data and know what types of problems are trending. School counselors at the middle and high school level help with assessment, in addition to counseling. Beginning next year, counselors will spend 80% of their time counseling. Only 20% of their time will be spent on logistical items, such as assessment. Mental health issues have dramatically increased across the country. We are reshaping the work and adding more staff to support our students.

**Question of the month: What went well as the District started the school year and what can the District do to improve?**

- ✓ I really appreciated all the special speakers. It is a nice range of topics that are addressed.
- ✓ From what I've seen so far, everything has been going well at the beginning of the school year.
- ✓ I appreciate the communication from the district and the school as school starts back. I definitely feel that the bus system can be improved for the safety of the students and drivers. It would be beneficial to see a proactive approach to handling student behavior to hopefully offset the need for as many consequences.
- ✓ Communication regarding changes to policies.
- ✓ Was very impressed with being able to get my daughter's laptop prior to school starting. I do feel the lawn maintenance could be improved particularly when sporting events are happening.
- ✓ Student laptop rollout was smoother this year than the past two years that my student used one. I would like the high school Open House to be scheduled earlier if possible.
- ✓ It was great to be able to watch the video and get the laptops sorted before school started.
- ✓ Getting more emails before school started was awesome. Trying to get more to parents that don't have technology.
- ✓ Very pleased with the custodian at Moore Magnet. Concerned about the presence of homeless on school grounds. Traffic congestion for car riders is also a concern.

The meeting notes from each meeting are posted on the CMCSS website under the “Students and Parents” tab.

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