**Parent Group Meeting Minutes**
November 26, 2018

**ATTENDANCE**
Board Members: Priscilla Lowe
KCSD Administration and Faculty: John Voerg, Kristin Shufeldt
Parents: Krissy Leiching (Graves), Alix Cutrone (JWB), Melissa Swart (MCM), Heather Marshall (JFK)

**OPENING**
- Introductions around the room as there are many new representatives for the 2018-19 school year
- Confirmed Parent Group representatives and contact details of those present

**DISCUSSIONS**

Meagher School Building-

Mr. Voerg and Kristin Shufeldt gave a brief update on the work being done at the Meagher building. Renovations have started and the KCSD Administrative offices are expected to move as early as the Spring, but definitely by July 2019.

Parents-of-Preschoolers (POP) Group Sessions held at Meagher are expected in the Spring. POP Group allows parents and children to meet the KCSD Administrators developing the future Pre-K program at Meagher and interact with the future Pre-K students and classroom spaces. POP Group dates are currently TBA.

Pre-K at Meagher will open in September 2019. Enrollment is expected in Spring and Summer 2019.

Miller Middle School-

The PTO is pushing to have more fundraisers this year for a playground to be built at MCM. Playground will need to be accessible for all students. They currently have $7000 in funds from last year. MCM Admins are looking into applying for a $25K grant for playground equipment and installation. Grant deadline is December 14, 2018.

- Mr. Voerg will check on the status of the application with Mr. Sheber, Mr. Reid and Ms. Bonville

The PTO has researched the cost of playgrounds/installations, stencils, Peaceful Playgrounds (also suggested by Krissy), and the possibility of installing parts of a playground to get the project started and completed over a period of time.

- Mr. Voerg recommended the MCM PTO advise Dr. Padalino of the specific meeting date that the playground will be discussed as he may be able to attend.
- A meeting will need to be scheduled with MCM Principals, Reis Insurance and Tom Clapper, the KCSD Director of Buildings and Grounds.
MCM experienced vandalism last year. A few of the MCM school letters on the building were removed from the exterior entrance wall of the school. The school has possession of the letters and they need to be reinstalled.

- Mr. Voerg will check with Tom Clapper about reinstalling the letters

MCM students have been working on conflict resolution skills.

Bus camera update: cameras have been installed and fewer conflicts have been experienced on the buses. However, overcrowding on the buses is currently an issue.

The PTO wants to host a community health fair and started looking into dates before the school year ends. Melissa has connections to several different health agencies, providers, wellness providers, etc., and is doing everything to get this piloted.

J. Watson Bailey Middle School

Currently, parent-teacher conferences are only offered to parents who have children dealing with issues. Students who are doing well during the school year do not get conferences unless they are requested by the parents. She questions if all parents can have parent-teacher conferences across the board, whether students are doing well or not – especially the transitioning 5th grade students.

- Mr. Voerg mentioned there could be limitations from having parent-teacher conferences with every parent and he will investigate whether any limitations currently exist.

The PTO is also looking into getting a playground at JWB and continuing their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

- Question posed: Can local artists work on stencils for the school to keep costs lower?

JWB is joining Benedictine to teach students about mindfulness.

Robert Graves Elem.-

The PTO has been running their fundraisers and assemblies as usual – all running smoothly.

The Hudson Valley Seed Program has cafeteria tastings on the 3rd Thursday of each month to promote healthy eating, trying new foods, and eventually sample foods grown from the school garden. Students are very receptive to this program and enjoy the tastings.

Next Meeting-

Next Meeting will be held at Robert Graves.
Potential meeting dates: January 17 or 31 (Thursdays are preferred Parent Group meeting days)
Krissy L. will check availability at Graves.
Kristin S. will check Dr. Padalino’s availability.