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School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2018

Montford Middle School

Members Present: Lewis Blessing, Dr. Thomas, Christy Hanna, Tiffany Ward, Jessica Boykin, Meredith Carter, Brooke Pautsch, Shirley Washington, Martha Cummings, Mandy Schnitker

Excused: Jimmy Perkins, Beth Bass, Keisha McQueen, Peggy Benton, Tara Jihad, Libby Farmer

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Approval of Agenda & April 19, 2018 Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the agenda and April 19, 2018 SAC minutes; the motion carried to a second without objections.

Principal Blessing Update:

Mr. Blessing reports that the new school year has gotten off to a smooth start.

- Montford again was awarded an A grade and we went up by 7 points over last year. The handout, "Montford Middle School 2018-19 Report Card," shows last year's grades for each department in percentage points; the red numbers are goals for this school year while the blue numbers are last year's actual numbers.
- All the students who took the new Adobe class which awards an Industry certification passed the test last year. The school earns \$20,000 for students enrolled in that class. Money must be used for technology purpose, they will be using the money to buy the Adobe license, monitors and are looking into buying a 3-D printer which art students would use as well.
- Enrollment at the school is at 1070 students, we are at capacity.
- We hired 5 new teachers: Kristi Smith and Hillary Famularo in Math Department, Heather Huggins in Science Department, Victor Winters in Social Studies Department, and Michele Davis for Language Arts.
- There will be a new, "Sources of Strength" project, a social/emotional program. On October 4-5 representatives from Boulder, CO, will be training staff and a new club will be formed for students to join.

- The new sound system will be installed by Music Masters soon. It is an upgrade as it is digital and programmable. Ms. Drew is very excited to have it!
- Ryan Williams has been hired as the new security monitor around campus.
- Mr. Edwards has left to Gilchrist Elementary; Dan Molinaro is the new Dean of Students and Rebecca Schultz has been promoted to Assistant Principal.

Dr. Thomas presented a draft of the new year's SIP(School Improvement Plan).

- Voting to approve it will take place at the next meeting on September 20th. This is a new template in which data was populated into the plan; it does not have a budget listed yet. The goals are the same as the previous year. Last year's goal was met for Math and there was a small decrease in Science and Language Arts.
- Each year teachers get a gift card for classroom needs, sometimes they get the card after school year has started and the unused money gets allocated to SAC. There is a little over \$2000 left from last year's funds and Dr. Thomas suggested purchasing IReady for math help for 40 students (\$1200 total) and helping with Ms. Fains' Personal Careers class needs (\$1880 total). A motion was approved to help fund these two purchases.

DAC Report:

No representative was present.

PTSO Report:

PTSO President this year is Laura Erwin; Kristi Smith has stayed on as treasurer and they are in need of a Vice President and Secretary for the board. Trying to recruit parents who have 6th and 7th graders so that the PTSO can have active participation. The Patron's program will be rolled out at Open House.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- In need of 6 new SAC members for this school year.
- At the next meeting a new DAC member needs to be selected.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on September 20, 2018 at 6pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.