

SITE COUNCIL NOTES 12-17-20

-Absent: Jim, Shanana

-Next Mtg: 1-21-21 at 4:30

-Norms Review

-Add Notes to Northrop Webpage per parent request

Governor Walz/MPS School Update:

-half of furniture removed from classrooms

-plan for entering building being worked on

-lunch, specialists will take place in classrooms

-MPS makes the decisions, not individual schools

-retro fits for ventilation, Northrop furnace too old, portable ventilation units in each classroom

-teachers will use mics due to loud venting unit

-keep families updated via principal emails

FLEX DAY

-agreement between MFT (union) and MPS for more planning time to improve student achievement

-150-155 mins of instruction will continue on flex day

-school will watch to see if attendance drops

-2/1 (second semester) flex day will switch to Wednesdays to prepare for hybrid

-possible plan : A group Monday, Tuesday

 Cleaning - Wednesday

 B group Thursday, Friday

-feedback: positive = teachers, mixed = parents

Open House/School Request/CDD

-Washburn student filmed Northrop with drone to highlight school building

-video will be posted

-445 current enrollment

-365 with CDD and new boundaries

-73 spots for open enrollment will bring enrollment closer to 2020/21 enrollment

-state funding good, MPS funding not, not sustainable

-Principal anticipates a budget cut

- survey families to gather opinions/preferences for Northrop's future? Hard not to put a staff name to positions, becomes personal

-school choice due 2/7/21

-budget arrives 2/14/21

-if a budget cut, what are Northrop's priorities? Principal wants input, but has final say

-historically survey has been give to both families and staff

- who should be surveyed.... Current families or incoming? Secretary has emails for incoming families
- survey to families needs to include background. Explain if something is cut, who/what is affected
- needs to be translated, needs to represent our school population, "spectrum of voices"
- timing is tight to get feedback, three week turnaround
- "serve community as well as we can" be transparent, what does our community want
- keep families informed
- some latitude with specialist positions and AE's (associate educators)
- don't want it to become a "ranking" but prioritize
- Principal will create survey, site council will approve
- same survey to staff and families? Or different questions?
- include demographics? Is Northrop your first choice for CDD?
- describe what AE position is
- translation funds available through CDD budget
- discuss with site council 1/14, send to families 1/21
- any more ideas for survey, send to Principal.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- revisit % of student growth
- are they good targets for smaller represented groups?
- No MCA's in 2020 spring, so SIP remained the same (MN Comprehensive Assessments)
- ELL students will be tested
- MCA's will take place (summative tests on reading and math)
- how can data be compiled how kids have done during distance learning?
- teachers not happy because weren't able to cover all materials, MPS says don't worry, we're required
- teachers have been working extremely hard
- teachers take low scores personally, so do students and parents
- teachers have been reviewing current data, created SMART goals
- scores won't be as high compared to in person teaching
- goals may switch entirely
- can we modify SIP mid-year?
- let teachers set new goals for the remainder of the year?

- Teachers given two planning days to review/plan

- Bully Document finalized. Will be translated and shared.

Next Site Council Meeting Thursday, January 21 at 4:30.

