

# **SITE COUNCIL NOTES**

## **3-2-21**

- All members present
- one guest parent

-Andy shared what a tough month February was with back to school, budget, and COVID scare in a classroom

### **Covid Case**

- family reported a positive case
- student was at school and on bus for a few days
- entire class and bus were placed in quarantine
- easy to put class into distance learning, more difficult with bus riders
- MPS does not verify cases according to protocols/guidelines**
- Office had many calls with families and district

- Parents continue to ask, “how many staff are vaccinated?”
- information is private unless individual chooses to share

### **Increase in Students returning to in person Learning**

- two week turnover for kids to switch from DL to in person
  - faster if bus is not needed
  - Northrop may need to combine grades for DL if returning students continues to increase which is very likely
  - expected many returning after spring break
  - a lot of work for staff when new student added to roster (classroom and lunchroom arrangement, switching CLEVER cards and logins, materials, etc.)
- very limited MPS reserves if staff member out, coverage needs to be handled within our building. Stressful and teachers lose their prep time.

### **Budget**

- handouts were shared with 2021/22 projections
- current enrollment 444, next year 405
- projections for next year is a formula by employee to project attrition for schools, usually fairly close for schools, but next year is “radically” different
- CDD has changed everything
- open enrollment spots will be filled by 80%, 20% left open

- Andy trusts the formula, but things can change
- \$400,000 difference from 2020/21 budget, but matches up with configurations
- loss of two classrooms
- decreasing from 18 down to 16 classrooms
- specialists decrease from 3.6 (18. Classrooms) to 3.2 (16 classrooms)
- instrumental music will be offered to all fifth graders (.3)
- question asked “who is leaving?” no names provided, but .5 ESL, .5 Sert, 1.0 classroom
- devastating for those affected, Andy assured nothing to do with performance, but due to seniority and the budget
- budget had no “wiggle” room
- Andy decided against family budget survey due to not wanting to base it on a year of distance learning and teacher performance during DL
- more funds go to schools with free/reduced lunch status, Northrop’s projected to increase slightly next year
- Parent asked if a district person could come to Northrop to talk about the projections and formula used. Andy is looking into it.

### **Question from parent to Andy...**

“Are you coming back next year?” Why does Northrop have such a turnover in leadership? And does that affect our say in budget without someone advocating on Northrop’s behalf year after year consistently?” Parent referred to it as a “fast food job!”

-Andy is very happy and proud of the Northrop staff. He would like to return. Interviewing process was supposed to start in Jan/Feb. Should be soon.

### **Class size projections for next year**

- k- -24
- 1 – 23
- 2 – 25
- 3 – 24
- 4 - 28
- 5 - 29