

MINUTES

Thurgood Marshall Middle School

School Council 2016-2017

Meeting #1: Thursday, October 20th, 2016; 3:00-4:00 PM

PARENTS: Amanda Feliz, Lisa Murdock

Absent: Marjahan Begum, Lydia Simmons

FACULTY: Molly Cohen, Principal; Christopher Cole, Luke Maus, Maureen Walker

Absent: Jessica Gerardo, Francisco Hernandez

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Absent: Robin Kimber, Community Member, Elizabeth Cohen, Martial Arts Center

Established Norms:

- Cell phones may be out, but silenced/on vibrate.
- Be respectful of other's ideas and points of view.
- Consider equitable airtime (actively listen).
- Start and end meetings on time (one hour).

Focus Area for SY 2016-2017:

- Family Engagement & Communication → We will strive for better and more clear communication both internally and externally.

Moving Forward:

- All School Council members will research steps to increase family engagement and will report findings at the next meeting.
- Amanda will develop a survey (before Thanksgiving) to assess engagement within the community.
- TMMS will send home said survey, which will be attached to the back of Quarter 1 Report Cards.
- Principal Cohen will create a tab for flyers and hold faculty accountable for posting on the electronic calendar. Principal Cohen will also send out an ALL-CALL with details regarding said tab and survey.
- The next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 PM.