

TMMS School Council Minutes

Meeting Date :3/28/18

Meeting Place: Principal's Office

Meeting time: 3:00

In Attendance:

Faculty: Molly Cohen, Chris Cornett, Luke Maus, Meghan Singleton, Maureen Walker

Students: Nia Owens

Parent: Maria Gomez

Meeting minutes:

1) Introductions and review of norms:

- A. Technology: excuse to use in case of emergency
- B. Putting ideas of the table (taking risks)
- C. Equitable time for participation (pause/reflect/paraphrase)

2) Ms. Cohen reviewed the main purpose of school council to strengthen the school by "assist[ing] in the identification of the educational needs of the students attending the school, make recommendations...assess the needs of the school in light of goals." Discussion began with prioritizing the topics to discuss, share concerns for each topic and come to consensus on action steps. The three topics discussed were traffic flow, clarity around building wide rules, and community outreach. We agreed to work together for the success of all overall.

3) As a team we discussed a better traffic flow for the morning drop off to ensure student safety. The school will continue to work with the city to ensure signage.

4) In regards to school rules the issues were raised were the inconsistencies of student adherence to the following: water bottles, gum, lanyards, cell phone, hoodies. As a team we decided that we would enforce the existing no usage policy and will discuss action steps for enforcing and communicating that need for safety in the next council meeting.

5) We began a conversation around how to build educational partnerships with local businesses. Members of the team will reach out to see what local businesses would be interested in this type of partnership. We will continue to discuss family and community outreach at the next meeting.

Meeting ended: 4:00

Next council meeting date: Thursday May 31, 2018 at 3 pm in Principal's office.