

TMMS School Council Minutes

Meeting Dates: 5/31/18

Meeting Place: Principal's Conference Room

Meeting Time: 3:00

In Attendance:

Faculty: Molly Cohen, Christopher Cornett, Luke Maus, Meghan Singleton

Parent: Maria Gomez

Meeting Minutes:

1) Introductions and review of norms:

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

2) Report Out on Traffic Pattern:

The team discussed the challenges of the traffic patterns in front of the school, as well as the possible solutions. As a team, we agreed that there is a need for crossing guards at the secondary level because of heavy pedestrian traffic.

3) Alignment of school rules and culture of achievement with summer purchases:

The team discussed possibly purchasing 3-prong folder for the school instead purchasing agenda books. The school could provide printed monthly calendars with school events, as well as calendars for writing homework assignments. Restroom/ hall passes would also be printed and kept in the folders. Written information to and from parents would be kept in the folder, providing increased opportunities for two-way communication with parents. We agreed that a uniform system of communication and organization would create a sense of solidarity, which is in alignment with the building of a culture of achievement.

4) Family and Community Outreach:

After discussing parent and community outreach with the parent in attendance, we identified the need for flexibility and the messaging of the importance of home-school connection as areas of need and focus. Ideas included changing the open house model to offer more flexible times for scheduling, movie nights for families, community service, and a cultural night dinner. Additionally, the principal will message the importance of home-school connections in the whole-school letter, in an all-call, and by including a parent section to the whole-school folder.

Meeting ended: 4:00