

Mayfield Schools Liaison Committee (MSLC)

Minutes

Thursday, February 20th, 5:00-6:00pm Gates Mills Community House

Attendees: DeAnn Dominish, Larry Frankel, Christine Kress, Sean O'Hagan, Meghan Perez, Jim Stafford, Vik Swamy

- I. Committee Business:
 - a. Provided an update committee membership, including David Atton's resignation from the committee and the addition of Christine Kress and Vanessa Tey louse; introduced Christine to other members.
 - b. Provided an overview of upcoming Board of Education meetings and asked for volunteers to identify which meetings they could attend subsequent to the meeting.
 - c. Provided an update on school reports:
 - i. **GMES:**
 1. The Elementary School recently completed its 3rd annual Love Your Neighbors food drive in competition against the other elementary schools, and collected the most food items per student. Donations benefitted Our Savior Lutheran Food Pantry and the Pay It Forward room at MHS. Students also participated in fundraising for the American Heart Association.
 2. Families celebrated Valentine's Day with a pancake breakfast at the school.
 3. 3rd through 5th grade students will undergo state testing later in April.
 4. 5th graders have started DARE programming with Officer Arch, and will have their graduation later in the spring.
 - ii. **MMS:**
 1. 5th grade students in the four elementary school's gifted program spent a day at the middle school doing a junior Model UN summit. Students were assigned countries in groups and discussed issues and solutions to address water scarcity issues.
 - iii. **MHS/Preschool**
 1. District leaders recently hosted superintendents and educators from a variety of school districts at MHS to share information on the Portrait of a Wildcat.
 2. The Preschool received the Ohio Department of Education's Step up to Quality Gold Award, the highest possible recognition for excellence in early childhood education.
 3. Preschoolers are participating in One School One Book, to promote early literacy.
 4. 3 MHS students were selected as National Merit Finalists
 5. The Mayfield Choral Boosters will show the Music Man in early April.
 - d. The Committee discussed options for organizing or participating in a District Open House for realtors, or hosting an Open House for families at the Elementary School, similar to what private schools do.

- i. Family/Student Open House's typically occur in the fall, and include a tour, interaction with the Principal and parents to hear perspectives on the school, and Q&A.
 - ii. If pursuing a realtor open house, the committee discussed the benefits of hosting it at MHS, where realtors would have the chance to see the Preschool, The Option Program Spaces, and Excel TECC renovations. Meghan said she would reach out to the Community Relations Director to see if the district had any upcoming plans.
- e. The Committee discussed that GMES will be turning 100 in 2026, the same year that Village turns 200. The PTC and teachers are in early discussions about hosting events, and plan to be in touch with the Alumni Association since they recently hosted the MMS 100 year celebration. Help from Committee members in planning events would be appreciated!
 - i. The Committee also discussed how the 100 year celebration could be a fundraising opportunity for a new school playground. The PTC is currently exploring grant and additional fundraising options. Committee members provided ideas about grants through First Energy or the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, or selling friendship bricks or memorial pavers to help with fundraising.
- f. Adjourn

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