

BAC Meeting (virtual)

10/22/2020

Welcome/Celebrations: *James*

- In attendance: Angie Martorella, Cameron Morgan, Carrie Napolilli, Christina Wu, J Del, James O'Tremba, Julie Desantis, Kandace Timiniski, Kevin Wood, Liddy Romero, Maureen Bennett, Melisa Roth, Noah Muteb, Megan Oaster, Shawna McGuckin, Mary Natale
- The hybrid model is going better than teachers thought it would!
- Parents report that students are doing better with it as well!
- James is impressed with how well students are following mask-wearing, hand washing, and social distancing!

DAC Updates: *Shawna*

- Superintendent gave his report/road show about the 2021/2022 budget shortfall (10-14million) and ballot measures to help bridge that gap. The mill levy would generate 12million dollars if it passes.
- 4million was cut this year, mostly out of administrative positions at the ESC.
- Financial advisory committee sent out a survey regarding ideas for budget cutting. They are putting out solid information about what cuts could look like if they need to be made.
- COVID budget concerns: TOPS is costing 4-5million this year, testing for staff, supplies for buildings, work on the matrices and tracking process, 700 students did not come back to LPS this year, and that cost the district 1million.
- Budget website: [LPS Budget Matters](#)
- Superintendent's "Road Show": [The State of LPS: Moving Forward in a Pandemic](#)
- Superintendent does not want TOPS to continue past COVID; he feels it's best for students to be in schools.
- Board is voting tonight on the new name for Ames; looking at women's names.
- The Stride is this weekend: runthestrive.org
- The next meeting for DAC is 11/18/2020

New Building Update: *James*

- There is an I-beam in the cafeteria this week that staff and students are signing for the new building! The big crane is gone as the heavy structural work is completed.
- It is on schedule for a June 9, 2021 move in! The exterior, trim, brick, and windows are currently going in.
- One of the pods is fully enclosed, dry-walled, and is being painted!

- OPEN ENROLLMENT
 - We already have 65 requests (window opened 10/1) - this is easily double what we have in a normal year.
 - Last year we did not take any students from the second window, and ended up with a waiting list.
 - In-district students have priority, and it is a lottery. Right now we'd be able to accept all the in-district students from this first open-enrollment window.
 - We'll have early projections from the district about enrollments for 2021/2022, and this will impact out-of-district open enrollments.
 - The building is built for 800, and James would like to open with 800-850 in order to buffer potential cuts due to a change in staffing formula.

Spirit Week Schedule: *James*

- Spirit Week flyer is coming out tomorrow afternoon!
 - Monday/Tuesday - NMS gear
 - Wednesday - Virtual fan day
 - Thursday/Friday - Costumes and passing period trick-or-treating

Budget Update: *James*

- We were able to keep the PTO money for the new climbing wall (\$25,000). There has been a freeze on any rollover money, so we were lucky that it was allowed.
- NMS lost 35 students this year, not counting TOPS. They went to other schools, online programs, moved to other states, etc. These students may come back, but will not be counted in our 2021/2022 projections.
- James keeps track of the open-enrollments and intent to renew forms daily.

Items from the Group:

- Question: how are projections, open-enrollment, and October count related? James explained the difference and how they interact.
- Question: does PTO pay for staff? No, PTO does not pay for any staff at NMS. A couple of elementary schools do, but it's a dying practice.
- Question: will there be tours of the new building? James is guessing we will if COVID restrictions are lifted!
- Question: are CCSD and LPS closing this weekend? James knows CCSD is making a decision on Friday after looking at numbers this week. He doesn't have any specifics, but the numbers aren't looking good. There may be a strong possibility of going fully virtual if the numbers don't improve.

- Question: if we go virtual, when would we come back? NMS administration has put together a schedule for synchronous learning if we go virtual. It would be evaluated weekly/every other week to see when we can go back.
- Question: if we go virtual, how much lead time would we have? How will the district treat the vaccine? We would have one day of notice if the full school shuts down. James hasn't heard anything about vaccines, but we follow state law.
- Question: if we go virtual, can students come in small groups for support if they have significant needs? James hasn't heard anything about that yet, but he'll see what he hears at next week's principal's meeting.

Adjourn

Next meeting: 11/19/2020