

## Newton Accountability Meeting Agenda, 9/22/2022

- Welcome and Introductions: *James*
  - In attendance: James O'Tremba, Megan Oaster, Chelsea Carstensen, Melisa Roth, Sara Cosenza, Sierra Loar, Doug Jones
  
- Newton Accountability: *James*
  - Bylaws were distributed for reference, but the NAC is run very informally
  - This is an advisory committee that is centered around updates, input, good conversation and open communication (dress code change was referenced)
  - We meet 5 times per year
  
- DAC Update: *Melisa*
  - Committee introductions and description
  - Melissa Cooper shared about the new East Community Center planning process
    - About 120 community members are involved in this planning
    - There will be three more meetings, and it's being lead by the community and community partners
    - Tutoring, food resources, immigrant supports, senior supports were all recommended as services for the new community center
  - Robert R. gave the BOE update. They are focused on:
    - Hiring a new superintendent
    - Overcrowding at Ford Elementary is a challenge, and the long range planning committee is working on that - a decision will be made by November on how to mitigate that difficulty. They are seeking community input during October.
    - BOE is visiting the high schools to get students engaged, and they are working on supporting the East Elementary Community Project
    - Budget is currently in good shape
  - Questions for Brian Ewert will be taken in October - email Melisa if we have questions we'd like to see asked!
  
- Agenda Topics Discussion: *James*
  - Email James agenda items if there are topics we'd like to discuss.
  - UIP doesn't need to be created this year, but it can be reviewed if we'd like. Our test scores show high achievement and high growth, so we won't likely do much to the building's UIP.

- Open-enrollment and projections will be discussed in October's meeting. Window one is from October 1st - October 16th. There are new processes around that this year.
- We will have a better idea in November around how many open-enrollments we'll be able to take.
- Budget and staffing will be discussed in January and February.
- There is opportunity for more meetings in the Spring, but it's not necessary
  
- Items from the Group: *Members*
  - Questions were asked about:
    - Why Ford is so crowded and how that impacts NMS
    - Where to find the UIP
    - More details on testing were discussed
    - Could we get some data from Brian?
  - Knight Time was brought up - the committee was excited to learn that it will be moved to the end of the school day again. James will be sharing this with the community at large via email on Friday, 9/23.
  - The current timeline for the junior stadium's completion is March, 2023
  
- Adjourn the meeting: *James*

*Upcoming meeting dates:*

- October: 27th
- November: 17th
- January: 19th
- February: 16th