

**The Mount Washington School
School Family Council
Meeting: 6/1/21, 6-7PM (Virtual via Zoom)**

Attendees:

Leaha Charles-Pierre	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Teacher, Parent
Amalie Ward	Co-Chair, SFC Representative-Parent, 4 th Grade
Sara Long	Administration-Principal
Bethany Jacobs	Administration-Assistant Principal
Amie Luther	SFC Representative-Teacher, 1st Grade
Elizabeth Piatt	SFC Representative-Teacher, K-8 Music
Kathryn Chib	SFC Representative-Parent, Kindergartener
Niki McCormally	SFC Representative-Parent, 1 st Grade
Alicia Marner	SFC Representative-Parent, 5th Grade
Laura Green	SFC Representative-Parent, Middle School
Deborah Harburger	SFC Representative-Parent, Middle School
Marshalyne Seavers	SFC Representative-Parent, Middle School
Mark Allen	Parent (Possible 2021-2022 5th Grade Representative)
Ilene Berman	Parent (Possible 2021-2022 2nd Grade Representative)
Jocelyn Casser	Parent, PTO Member, SFC Family Engagement Comm
Bridgette Chambers	Parent (Possible 2021-2022 2nd Grade Representative)
Warren Chambers	Parent (Possible 2021-2022 2nd Grade Representative)
Dave McMurray	Parent, PTO President
Tahilin Sanchez Karver	Parent (Possible Rising 2nd Grade Representative)
Mariya Strauss	Parent (Possible 4th/5th Grade representative)
Nicole Humphreys	Parent, Director of Holistic Life Foundation (Possible Community Partner Representative for 2021-2022)

Notes:

Old Business & Updates:

- *Meeting Notes:* May notes were reviewed. No changes were made and all minutes were approved.
- *School Directory:* A directory is going to be separate from the PTO so it is separate from any fundraising. Final decisions are being made but it will be finalized this summer. It will only include email addresses and phone numbers. It will not be shareable. If people have not signed up to be included, contact Amalie Ward or Leaha Charles-Pierre.

School Updates: The current school year is wrapping up but everyone rallied around virtual, hybrid, and in-person learning. Closing ceremonies will be held in the Outdoor Classroom this week for kindergarten, 5th, and 8th grades. Uniform information will be shared next week via class dojo and an email and will be included in any mailings over the summer. For those families of rising 4th and 5th graders who took the COGAT, composite scores will be sent out before the end of the school year. If families have questions

about how the 4th/5th grade class will be configured and the content that will be covered, they should contact Ms. Jacobs or Mrs. Long. MWS is fully staffed for next year; one middle school ELA teacher left and is not returning. MWS has hired an early childhood teacher and determinations of exact grade-level placement will be made by mid-summer.

SFC SY 2021-2022 Grade Representatives: There are openings across the SFC. There can be more than one representative per grade. There will be an orientation to new members over the summer. Meetings typically last 1-1.5 hours. By-laws will be amended during the summer.

Kindergarten: Outreach will be made to families at the start of the school year. (Follow up with Dave McMurray if a representative is needed.)

1st Grade: Kathryn Chib

2nd Grade: Ilene Berman, Bridgette Chambers, Warren Chambers, Tahilin Sanchez Karver

3rd Grade: Tavian Cardwell (Leaha Charles-Pierre will reach out to confirm)

4th Grade: Eric Norton (Amalie Ward will reach out to confirm)

5th Grade: Mark Allen, Mariya Strauss

6th Grade: TBD

7th Grade: Marshalynne Seavers

8th Grade: Laura Green

Community Representative: Nicole Humphreys

PTO Update: Pints of Taharka Brothers ice cream are for sale to raise money for MWS. Contact mws.pto.president@gmail.com if you need assistance. Thank you to everyone who has supported MWS this year and a special thanks to Amalie Ward for helping with so many fundraisers as well!

Subcommittee End of Year Report: All of the subcommittees were asked to provide highlights of the work and what needs to be done next year:

- Marketing/Branding: Brochure language was drafted; recruitment materials were developed for the current 4th and 5th grade families.
- Family & Community Engagement: School directory has been a priority, including making sure that the grade representatives have a way to contact families outside of dojo. There was a virtual fitness night and a virtual trivia night. There was also a Q&A with a pediatrician. Attendance was low so there will be an interest in doing some in-person activities.
- IB Expansion Committee: Interest in finding someone who can help with grant writing to help with the costs. Work on educating the parent community and teachers to make sure people understand what is involved.
- Attendance: Has been a goal of the School Performance Plan and is likely to be included again in the future. Standards for absences are not set by the school and
- Safety & Climate: There were more Children's Mental Health Awareness activities this year with the support of the faculty. Families were concerned about the support for the students upon return to the school building but the District had provided what was needed.

Follow-Up/Action Steps:

- SFC Membership for 2021-2022: Amalie Ward and Leaha Charles-Pierre will reach out to confirm representatives for the upcoming year. They will reach out at the start of the school year for a kindergarten representative and a 6th grade representative.
- By-laws will be Over the summer/early next year:
 - Review draft brochure content
 - Review IB Report (including language acquisition)
 - Update bylaws, including to look at the balance of voting representatives.
- Review SFC notes from the fall of 2020 and early winter 2021 to see what the subcommittees worked on and their priorities and recommendations.
- Other prior year recommendations and priorities: Junior National Honors Society; Student Council; Youth Mental Health First Aid training and certification; renewed focus on attendance activities.
- Schedule August meeting: Possibly August 3rd (1st Tuesday)