



RECONFIGURATION

Middle Working Committee

REPORT To: Reconfiguration Advisory Committee
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The Middle School Reconfiguration Working Committee met on March 8, 2018.

Updates

- A. Parent Meetings – are complete and the turn out was very high with 1000 at MSMS alone! Some schools have already done the second parent night; Rosedale - April 11th, VMS is splitting their night.
- B. Advisory Planning – Tom Hierck is leading the last planning meeting tomorrow. Hoping to have a final plan for the district by the end of tomorrow. Discussion around embedding advisory in the schedule vs having a block. Family grouping vs. multi-grade.
- C. Resources
 - 1. Playgrounds – plans starting to show up at schools. Some schools are surveying their students. Looking to maximize student engagement. PAC is supporting ADR. We can add on to the playgrounds from year to year. Looking at a couple of options at MSMS...some support from PAC (5K).
 - 2. Desks - Maintenance will assist with desks. Schools need to contact maintenance with their needs.



3. Textbooks: Math textbooks – we are not really recommending any textbooks at this point. There has been discussion with math helping teachers to assist with creating supply lists for schools. Also – there is a lot of information on the SNAP website to assist teachers in math instruction.
4. The group would like to see a recommended list of resources for math. How about for other areas? Science and social studies...yes.

D. Staffing – Lots of discussion around the inclusion teacher model. Qualifications, working with the SBT, role of the DRT and district training. Students from CHANCE will mostly be moving on to the Ed Center. All students are grandfathered in.

3. Roundtable

MSMS – had conversations with each teacher about their assignment and teacher partner Rosedale – Staff is onboard. Teachers know who they are working with.

VMS – In the last staff meeting, they looked at how teachers will collaborate. They created schedules. They were feeling better because of the work. FI parent nights will be later in the year...beginning of May.

CHANCE – Been a tough couple of weeks. Staff is being encouraged to share their learnings with other schools. Do the mental health first aid!

CMS – “We are getting there”. Teams are starting to think about the schedules. Excitement about the playgrounds. Liking the teaming aspects. Staffing piece is important. Need lots of investment from staff to help co create a culture to support students.

ADR – Had individual meetings with teachers around teaming and scheduling for next year. Looking for good partnerships with their teacher teams. Need some math/science help in the hiring process. Had a meeting on Tuesday afternoon with interested teachers...lots of talent looking to come to middle – which is exciting. Building excitement with feeder schools about coming to ADR.

4. Next Meeting Date - April 19, 2018 @ NLC Room 1009