

Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, February 4, 2021
3:15 p.m. Zoom

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

~~Courtney Allgood~~ (out of town)
Rebecca Bowman (Secretary)
Don Grimsley (Chairperson)
Katherine Hall (Vice-Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem
Kaitlin Smith
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of November Minutes (attached)

Approved @ 3:19pm 2/4/21

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

34 virtual student returned 2nd semester for in person learning (47 still virtual)
Mrs. Rizk & Mrs. Eades are teaching 16 virtual students

554 in-person students (92%)

Average class size for in-person:

KK-20

1st-20

2nd-21

3rd-22

4th-22

5th-22 (EIP position reducing 5th grade class size)

Explore Time – STEM enrichment during Monday connections

2nd semester: Grade levels will be sharing digital project showcases in place of Museum Night

B. Next Meeting – TBD April (4th quarter) meeting

Thursday, April 29, 2021? at 3:15 (Zoom)

Additional topics discussed:

- As of now, state testing will happen (GA Milestones)
- Fundraising: PTO Officers are meeting with Mrs. Fisher and few teachers, and they are discussing a “one and done” method.
- Partner support this year has been well aligned with our needs. We are extremely thankful!
- New Learning Commons construction this summer

IV. Adjournment @ 3:44pm

Next Meeting - TBD



Motivating, Valuing and Empowering Students for Success

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Principal's Report

February 4, 2021

- Enrollment update – 601 students enrolled
 - 47 virtual (8%)
 - 34 virtual students returned 2nd semester for in-person learning
 - In addition to 47 MVES students, Mrs. Eades and Mrs. Rizk are teaching 16 virtual students from Riverbend and Wauka Mountain.
 - 7 cluster 1st graders
 - 2 cluster 3rd graders
 - 4 cluster 4th graders
 - 3 cluster 5th graders
 - 554 in-person (92%)
 - 5% increase from 87% in-person 1st semester
 - Average in-person class sizes (added K teacher in-person)
 - K: 20
 - 1st: 20
 - 2nd: 21
 - 3rd: 22
 - 4th: 22
 - 5th: 22 (EIP position reducing 5th grade class size)
- Instruction Update
 - Focusing on growing students' proficiency in reading, writing and math
 - Engagement and enjoyment in learning – taking advantage of our in-person learning days
 - Explore Time – STEM enrichment during Monday connections
 - Participation in as many enrichment experiences as possible within safety restrictions
 - 2nd Semester: Grade levels will be sharing digital project showcases in place of Museum Night
- Professional Learning Update
 - Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) Benchmark Assessment System (K-5th grade)
 - GA Numeracy: GLOSS/IKAN (Global Strategy Stage & Individual Knowledge Assessment for Numeracy)
 - Eureka Math District Adoption (Kindergarten 2020-21; 1st grade 2021-22)
 - F&P Word Study – Phonics, Spelling, Vocabulary (Previous K-3rd grade; 4th spring 2021; 4th/5th 2021-22)
 - Data Analysis and Instructional Planning (ongoing)
 - Blended Learning (ongoing)
- Upcoming Dates:
 - 3rd-5th grade Progress Reports – February 11
 - Teacher Workday – February 15 (parent conferences via Zoom – ongoing)
 - Deadline for Student Technology Competition Submissions – February 15
 - MVES Magnet Applications Due – March 19 (Application Open Now – school website)
 - Tuition Applications Due – March 31 (Application Opens March 1 – district website)
 - Kindergarten Registration – April 19-22 (online registration)