

School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Agenda

Date: December 3, 2024

Time: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Location: Grant Front Doors, Grant Meeting Room

Attendance: Hillary Huntington, Carissa Burke, Lauren Kilcullen, Scott Wessel, Jennifer Arreola, Renee Schermerhorn

**Grant & MCMS
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Notes
Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

- I. Welcome
 - A. Introductions of Members
 - B. Committee Goals
 - 1. Finding ways to support staff here. Communication among other parent groups, constructive feedback.
 - 2. Open communication as students transition from Locust to Grant and MCMS.
- II. Grant School Updates & Events
 - A. Updates on school activities and initiatives
 - 1. 12 Days Till Winter Break Countdown
 - a) Grizzly Glows - new committee bringing fun things to Grant!
 - 2. Christmas Carol, 12/9
 - 3. SIP Team - sent out a survey to students. Mrs. Schermerhorn shared the results with committee members.
 - 4. Upcoming survey to students regarding feedback on bullying.
 - B. Recent achievements or concerns - Committee discussion
 - 1. physical concerns in recess and PE.
 - a) Committee - how can we find ways to be more supportive at home. Ways to help reinforce the standards. What is okay at school and okay at home.
 - b) Committee - setting up rotations for students/class to go through scenarios with different situations. Setting up a mock court room with some of the social studies teachers and SRO officers.
 - c) Communication to parents to make them aware of these issues.

III. MCMS School Updates & Events

A. Updates on school activities and initiatives

1. Giving Tree Donations
2. 12 Days Till Winter Break Countdown
3. 7th and 8th Grade Winter Dance, 12/6
4. Christmas Carol, 12/9
5. Winter Concert, 12/12
6. MCHS Study Hall Visit, 12/18

B. Recent achievements or concerns - Committee discussion

1. On-line dangers of social media

- a) Middle School Survey - internet and social media questions. Ask Mrs. Schermerhorn to share what Grant used, and adjust for middle school. Social media and bullying survey.
- b) List of different electronics for parents to utilize? Ways to lock down phones? Follow up with technology.
- c) Education to the parents on different parental control apps - Committee research?
- d) Lunch - last 10 minutes can an open gym be provided. Once a week - PBIS. Someone in the community volunteers to come in.
- e) School-wide assembly on bullying.
- f) *Sent 12/6 - Go Guardian Instructions to Grant and MCMS parents*

IV. Parent Feedback/Questions

A. Open floor for parents to share concerns or ask questions

1. Curriculum and Tech - what plans if any are there expanding curriculum?
 - a) *Dual language, Science, Spanish. Technology - spoke about all the aspects in Mr. Collin's class, STEM, and Computer Club.*
2. Mrs. Huntington - works for McHenry County. Potential unused research she can possibly tap into.
3. Parent Phone Book - bringing this back?
 - a) Class Dojo - enable user to user messages, Grant
 - b) Open up communication for parents to reach out to other parents. Big asset to help students socialize.
 - c) What communication do parents find valuable? Skyward, Newsletters, Grade Reports. Committee - what is the best way to

communicate to parents? Why am I sending it out - relevant or to check a box? Progress reports are awesome.

4. Teacher Amazon Wish List. Committee encouraged teachers to create this and share it out. Per grade level come together to create a list?
"Based on feedback from the PAC..."

V. Adjournment

A. Thank you for attending our first PAC meeting!

B. Confirm next meeting date/time: ~~March 4, 2025 at 4pm.~~

Thursday February 6th and Thursday April 17th - 2025 @ 4pm

1. Carissa - can only attend Tuesday. If a month in advance
2. Scott - inconsistent - set a date
3. Thursday in February - set a date. Would Thursday, February 6th work, 4pm?

C. Meeting end time: 5:07pm