

McCarthy-Towne School Council Agenda 11/16

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NOTES:

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 - Discuss at next meeting with input from school committee
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 - Feedback from Andrew Shen and PTO Chairs
 - First paragraph is intro and provide purpose
 - Marni - provide a similar version of survey to students? YES
 - Next three questions are the entry plan questions - second question re-worded
 - Marni - general questions - divide into academic, facility, school culture?
 - Add detailed categories to questions?
 - If more details are in questions, will they become the themes?
 - Open ended might highlight main ideas about questions.
 - First three questions used in teacher entry meetings
 - 100% of staff said art integration important
 - Something gained in asking similar questions between staff and parents?
 - End of survey, there is an opportunity to provide a name - not collecting email addresses but option at end to share name
 - Move to front of survey - opportunity to provide name
 - Next questions connect to district survey in grades 4-6, school improvement goal #1 and culturally responsive practices
 - Will have student and family data for these questions
 - Ques 4 - box will give number
 - Student data came back super high across all demographics - will be interesting to see if family data similar
 - Survey Monkey so it can be translated
 - Belonging and involvement are the next few questions
 - Make sure we have some way to measure where current involvement is and how to increase
 - Clarify involvement recently or previously - two questions? Pre-pandemic and how parents feel now...

- Communication question
 - #10 and #11 came from district survey and Andrew mentioned they provided important information
 - Open space and demographics
 - #13 - break first sentence into two sentences
 - Question about international or recently immigrated to gain that perspective? - Question 15 comes close to that
 - Add language option
 - Question about other family information you wish to share?
 - Question #16 - typo: child(ren)
 - #17 - "follow up on any comments"
 - Question about length of how long connected to McT
- May 11th Art Show/Anniversary Celebration
 - Date due to company PTSO working with, Wednesday
 - Movie of art integration process
 - Permission granted to be in school for filming
 - Masks still required at this point
 - Compelling to see masked students - how we know life right now
 - Can try to unmasked with outdoor scenes
 - Some flexibility with coming on campus
 - Share days available and then decide what classes/activities might be possible to film
 - Start with Justin's and Kari's classrooms?
 - Christy, Justin, and Kari work on schedule
 - Done shooting a month before the celebration should allow opportunity for editing
 - Film play throughout school and in auditorium - on loops
 - Shoot in HD so quality will hold up
 - Chair from the school council to work with the PTSO chair
 - Joe? Point person?
 - Justin can step into role if needed
 - Co-ordinate efforts to reach out to alum and former staff
 - Nancy can help reach out to alumni students and staff for filming - diversity, seven or so?
 - Meeting with company on Friday, 11/19, about display
- Facebook page for McT
 - Started as PTSO but now moderated by Family Coordinator
 - Maintaining civility while encouraging active discourse
 - Yes, guidelines would be a good idea
 - Respectful disagreement is a foundation of a strong community - don't want to shut that down
 - Protective of community, however, and don't want damage done between staff and families
 - Where do you direct people who wish to debate - identify outlet
 - Draft of guidelines put together by Kerry
 - Put on our agenda to wordsmith
 - Christy will send draft to school council
 - Put on Facebook page from school council
 - Nancy - student privacy laws and teacher - protection of all parties - need a place to respond/reply due to confidentiality
 - Need to be proactive in protecting our community

- Avenues for feedback and conversations
- Christy does call those with strong opinions voiced on Facebook