

Superintendent's Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

!!!!Thanks to Dr. Kizner for treating us all to McAlister's!!!!

Reminders:

If anyone on the committee has a building-based question, please ask your building administrator first! They may be able to answer the question or solve the problem before it needs to come to the SAC!

Agenda Items

HCPS 2018-2019 Budget:

-The first draft of the Governor's budget will be presented on December 18 in Richmond. The good news is that HCPS may get more money from the state because of some composite index figures.

-Dr. Kizner will be proposing a 2% salary increase for all staff for the 2018-2019 budget.

-More good news is that health insurance rates may stay the same this year with no increases. HCPS is exploring being able to offer more insurance options to staff next year.

-There are many factors that go into preparing the budget, and some of those will be changing this year on the state level. HCPS remains committed to keeping Professional Development as one of its focuses for teachers and staff.

-The budget will be voted on by the School Board in March and should be passed and completed by May.

The Governor is trying to take steps to address the well-publicized teacher shortage.

Division Initiative:

-Dr. Kizner remains very committed to an initiative involving students struggling with learning behavior difficulties. HCPS is continuing to discuss the idea of alternative programs off site or in one or more of our schools. The goal is to continue high expectations and for students to excel in a different learning environment. More details to come.

New High School:

-The School Board and City Council continue to discuss the prospect of a second HCPS high school, with a decision hopefully on January 9. Following the model of many divisions locally and statewide, the proposed high school may share some facilities and programs with the current high school.

Proposed calendars for 2018-2019 School Year:

There are 3 drafts of the 2018-2019 school year calendar being considered. School staff will be asked for their preference in the coming weeks, and a final calendar will be decided after the new year begins. Parents asked for whole days off when HCPS has collaboration days, instead of early release days because of child care concerns, etc. The proposed calendars display professional development and collaboration days as whole days next year, reflecting the parents' comments and suggestions.

Next SAC meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Skyline Middle School

Please send any questions you may have to Lisa Knupp at lnupp@harrisonburg.k12.va.us by Monday, January 15.