

January 13, 2021 MHS PTO Meeting Notes

Combined meeting with MMS and MHS

Kenji Matsudo Update:

Recapping RESTART Madeira:

Calendar Adjustment. Feb 12, March 12, April 30. This is to give teachers an opportunity for teachers to catch their breath. This has been a hectic, crazy school year and the board approved these dates back in November.

Covid Related Update:

As a reminder to PTO and Parents: This has been a challenging year. 80% (1428 students) learning at school. 176 Students learning from home.

This has felt like the first year of teaching for many of the teachers, due to the changes. This has been a tough year and is all new to us as we have not done anything like this before.

All Fall Athletic teams and the marching band were able to complete their seasons without missing a game or match.

Nikki. H.: Much appreciation to Joe Kimling for helping make all of this happen.

Gretchen B.: It has been great to see the kids being able to come together for athletics and seeing the emotional and social interaction.

Kennedy.: Theater production was great. We had a modified homecoming with a king and queen and an outdoor pep rally.

Kenji: We are tackling things in terms of instructional practices that we have never done before.

Madeira Health Watch Assessment Team is still meeting every Thursday at 7. Just by looking at numbers, we had 34 positive student cases, 13 positive staff cases in the first semester.

Staff Survery: Class sizes were a concern when returning to classroom in 2nd Semester.

WE added building subs. We adjusted calendar to add more days for planning and to hopefully enable staff to recharge.

Quarantine: If your student is a close contact, they will be notified and can still participate in sports. Please just monitor for symptoms.

Vaccines: Working on vaccines for the staff. School employees are in the "1B" group. As of now, 78% of staff is interested in being vaccinated. We think we will be vaccinating those staff who are interested within a month or so.

Enrollment:

We are growing faster as a school district than we expected to grow. Modular units will be used at the elementary school to support this growth, as models show we will need at least 1 additional classroom next year. We will need an additional 2-3 classrooms at the elementary school in the next 3-5 years. We will need 2 additional classroom at the middle school to accommodate this growth at the elementary school. The professionals suggest we switch to a K-5 elementary school, as the middle school does not allow for the additional space needed. The board will continue to evaluate and discuss this. We need to have these changes made by the 2023-2024 school year. We will either be in modular units for 5th grade or we will need to make a brick-and-mortar addition to accommodate the 5th grade at the current elementary school. It appears that we are going to grow apps 4% through the next 7-9 years. Community communication regarding the enrollment growth will come within the next month or so.

MMS

Nikki. H.:

All grade level bands are now playing instruments.

Our teachers are having some courages conversations with students regarding the events last week. The students are amazing and beyond their years. They are showing maturity, questioning regarding the events.

8th grade had quite a few scholastic art winners and honorable mentions.

Upcoming Events: Variety Show was pushed back due to going remote in December. It will occur in January and will be a remote/virtual event.

Digital Safety Presentations will occur next week for students.

Scheduling and High School scheduling information for 8th graders will start to roll out.

MHS:

Thank you to parents for being as understanding as possible with the phone calls regarding close contact information. We appreciate your support.

We have food needs for conference night.

The 2021-2022 High School course guide was approved by the board. All activities we are doing for scheduling have to be reinvented. We are coming up with this new platform and ways to distribute information. We will be zooming in live on February 5th with 8th graders. Freshman focus will be a virtual format. We will also be finding a way to meet with each 8th grader individually on February 18th.

Upcoming Dates: MLK day is next Monday, no school.

Hope week is next week. Focuses on mental health and suicide prevention. January 19-22

Feb 1-5 is spirit week and homecoming.

Feb 2nd all grade level scheduling meetings will occur.

Feb 10 PTO Meeting
Feb 12 Teacher in service

Theater Update: Cafeteria looks great and is impressive. Seats and Carpet are going into theater. Monday of next week sound will be tested. Cleaning the remainder of that week. The theater looks remarkable. Everyone is going to benefit from this space. Still under budget and still on time.

Ann Ramos:

PTO meal coordination by Bridie Busken.

Appreciating the zoom meetings to help with the face to face communication loss.

Dave Kennedy and Senior Parents are working on ways to help the High School seniors feel special and to celebrate their final year at the high school.

MMS PTO:

Luminary night was successful as a fundraiser.

Hoping to do something special for the students in 3rd and 4th quarter. Possibly the Kona Ice truck. We are trying to think of possible options.

February 10th is district wide meeting with all 3 schools. April 21st, final MMS PTO meeting for the year.