

Hillsboro Cluster – September 17, 2008 Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
	<p>Present: Mary Kay Kroeger -JTM, Kristin LaLonde - EE, Donna Smith – EE, Jason Rogers – HHS, Kay West – HHS, Carey Morgan – JGE, Merritt Rowe – JGE, Alene Arnold – PPE, Kris Neal – PPE, Carlene Gray – PPE, Alex Burlason – PPE, Mark Alley – PPE, EnaShea Kohler,- PPE, Ann DeNunzio – PPE, Cynthia Warner – SPE, Deb Waters – SPE, Stephanie Dodson – WEM, Donna Smith – WEM, Terri Patton – JTM, Vicki Manning – JTM, Hilary Doherty – JGE, Marcie Nash – WEM, Laura Mitchell – GE, Laura Reinbold – HHS, David Fox, Jane Walling - MNPS, Mike Stewart, Paul Jennings - HHS, Mildred Nelson, Mary Catherine Bradshaw, Mildred Nelson, MNPS Principals: Melinda Williams - PPE, Rod Manuel - HHS, Eileen Wills - JGE, Sue Clark – GE, Jill Pittman – JT, Roxie Ross – EE, Greg Hutchings – WEM, Kesha Moore – CLE (Carter-Lawrence)</p>	
<p>Review 8-20-08 Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MKK did forward changes to roster after 8-20 meeting. ▪ Carol Ballenger sent cluster brochure to Vicki Manning, but MK ended up making changes due to GNAR. ▪ MKK contacted by email Laura Mitchell of SOS regarding PPE issue and next month’s meeting as well as invited Paula Jennings and Mary Catherine Bradshaw. ▪ MKK sent out 8/21 PAC Highlights and is forwarding various PAC alerts or documents. ▪ MKK sent email to Alene Arnold regarding MTA stops in front of middle and high schools. <p>Still outstanding to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern about guidance counselor turnover in the middle of a school year was not presented to the PAC on 8/21. ▪ Still need to address the issue of planning now for Spanish immersion numbers increasing under new zoning plan and the effect to JTM. 	<p>What is happening with MTA stops?</p> <p>Mention counselor turnover when the PAC has high school tier superintendent attend.</p> <p>When to address Spanish Immersion?</p>
<p>General Business <i>Cluster Brochure</i> <i>PAC 9/18 meeting with Sandra Tinnon</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MKK had to edit the Cluster brochure in order to meet deadline for GNAR convention on 9/13 at the Convention Center. Final version was passed around in case of any further changes. ▪ Tentative schedule for the October meeting agenda is lottery students at PPE. ▪ Sandra Tinnon is to present to the PAC tomorrow night. MKK indicated they did not send out her presentation a week in advance to allow us to discuss and query questions for the next night PAC meeting. ▪ MKK asked which schools have access to their school’s website since she knows several schools have either not been given access to update and/or have cumbersome procedures outlined by MNPS. 	<p>Communicate to MNPS the need to decentralize control of individual school websites.</p> <p>MKK to check on PPE/lottery student request for October meeting.</p>
<p>'08-'09 Board <i>David Fox</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The superintendent search had been postponed until after the school board elections, and is now back on. The search consultant needed more input from the state, and has now received that. The board will soon be in touch with the consultant. No candidates as of yet. ▪ The School Choice Committee has released its findings. There is a link to the findings on the first page of the MNPS website. The information needs to be vetted by parents. The information will be discussed at the 9/23 school board meeting. Any comments should be sent to David Fox by then. ▪ In regards to re-zoning and the special concerns of GE, Larry Collier who has retired and has been replaced by Chris Webber, is still helping work on accommodating the special considerations of GE. ▪ Also in regards to zoning, even though the state has almost 100% authority over MNPS, the state can choose what they want to get involved with. Connie Smith has indicated the state is encouraging of board-directed activities, so the school board is acting as if they have the same authority as before the state takeover. 	
<p>IBO with Paula Jennings and Mary Catherine Bradshaw <i>General Information</i> <i>MYP Status</i> <i>Action items for cluster</i></p> <p>SOS with Laura Mitchell <i>GNAR</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paula Jennings provided a handout of general information and statistics relevant to IB in Middle Tennessee. The benefits of IB are many, given that the number of international studies college graduates has increased. Mary Catherine Bradshaw indicated colleges were contacting her at HHS regarding HHS graduates. Even though there is not MYP at HHS, IB students’ needs are addressed with unofficial pre-IB classes for freshmen and sophomore years. ▪ There was discussion around the Hillsboro cluster’s attendance in Laura Mitchell’s booth at the Greater Nashville Association for Realtors. In conclusion, creating a cluster presentation and taking it directly to the individual Nashville real estate firms is the better solution. ▪ Laura Mitchell is a closing attorney, former HHS student, current GE parent, trying to help raise the \$50K for MYP at HHS. Has a program called SOS, main component is donations from realtors, lenders & closing attorneys in the HHS cluster when a house is sold in the cluster. Three test transactions conducted, in which the buyer/seller wanted the money to go to specific school, NOT the IB program. ▪ Consensus is that money from real estate sales should fund the MYP. There was additional discussion around not initially diluting SOS with other methods of raising funds, such as Upromise. ▪ With consensus that SOS funds should be earmarked for MYP, one suggestion was to have the principals communicate with a letter to their families where the monies were needed. 	<p>MKK to get e-copy of Paula Jennings’ handout to forward to cluster group.</p> <p>Prioritize follow-up to IB discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tap into the HHS alumni database. • Create a cluster presentation to take to the realtors and increase involvement in the SOS program. • Assistance to Laura and SOS. Does IB get a %.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terri Patton suggested extra funds from individual school budgets be earmarked for HHS MYP, as JT Moore is contributing funds to MYP from a surplus account. ▪ MKK queried the principals to see if they would support their PTO in contributing a % from both the SOS funds and/or surplus funds in the PTO's accounts. (See Principal Report for response.) ▪ Further discussion of raising the 50K for MYP was a suggestion to connect with the HHS alumni. 	
Principal Report <i>Items of Note</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sue Clark of GE stressed that her school needs all its extra money for supplies, couldn't earmark funds for other causes. ▪ Eileen Wills of JG needs any extra money to supplement the funds Metro gives so that all her teachers can be trained for PYP. ▪ Roxie Ross of EE introduced Kesha Moore, principal of Carter-Lawrence Elementary which is now in the HHS cluster. ▪ Mildred Nelson, Executive Director for elementary tier was introduced to the cluster. After asking Mildred what exactly was her function as an Executive Director, it became clear MNPS needs to do a better job of providing information as to the function and responsibility of positions besides names and titles on an organizational chart. ▪ Greg Hutchings of WEM passed out the "real" fact sheet for WEM; there's a link on the school website. ▪ Jill Pittman of JTM hosted Channel 5 on 9/17 for a piece that will air week of 9/22. 	<p>Need a cluster representative for Carter-Lawrence.</p> <p>Include Kesha Moore in the principal distribution list.</p> <p>Communicate to MNPS the need for more information than just name/title.</p>
Topics to pursue in the following months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prospective Parent Night Show and Tell/Exchange – What is your school doing for the event and what do potential parents want to see and hear? ▪ Prioritizing follow-up and support for IB in the cluster ▪ The path of lottery students in the cluster ▪ Spanish Immersion numbers ▪ Mayor's Office – Danielle Mazera ▪ MNPS Food Services & Healthy Choices, Healthy Minds 	
Next Meeting	October 15, 2008 - topic(s) be determined	West End has minute rotation

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Warner, Sylvan Park

Approach the Mayor's Office about securing a MTA stop at Moore.