

**Superintendent's Advisory
Council Minutes October 27, 2016
9:00-11:00 a.m.
MISD Board Room**

Members Present: Stephanie John-Lewis, Evelyn Jimenez, Amy Kerby, Mike Radow, Jamie Prescott, Mindi Oberg Wilson, Debbie Hanson, James Bellitto, Jon Ho, Ashleigh Dickinson, Janelle Honeycutt, Danielle Orr-Bennett, Taylor Kao, Dr. Goichi Shiotsu, Myra Lupton, Cindy Goodwin, Dr. Gary Plano, Nova Williams, Craig Degginger, Tracy Drinkwater.

Absent: Michael Aguilera, Tom Tivnan, Elaine McClellan, Mary Kay Woolston, Cindy Goetzmann, Alison Stovall, Jackie Brown, Rory Murphy, Channing Martin, Sarah LeClercq, Julie Steel, Jerry Kavesh, Jaimie Shea, Beth Dudycha, Emmett Maloof, Janae Serena, Dan Grausz, Fred Rundle.

Welcome/Introductions and Check-In

Dr. Plano called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He asked the members to introduce themselves and to share a memory of what they were doing 10 years ago at this time.

Review and Approve Minutes (June 1, 2016 meeting)

The minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting were approved.

Develop and Finalize Agenda

Superintendent Topics:

1. New Staff Introductions
2. Transportation Improvements and Bus Stop Arm Cameras
3. Fundamental 7 and diversity and equity work
4. Discussion of revisions to bell times for Elementary Schools and MIHS
5. Mercer Island Schools Foundation Phone-A-Thon

1. New Staff Introductions

Dr. Plano introduced Ty Bergstrom introduced as the new Chief Financial Officer to succeed Dean Mack, who continues full time through 2016, then Dean moves to half time as Chief Operating Officer for capital projects. Ty previously worked for the state auditor's office, then in banking in Salt Lake City. He is currently studying for his CPA license.

Dr. Plano then introduced Rosie Burns, the district's new director of human resources. Rosie comes to MISD from private industry with extensive experience. She succeeds Mark Roschy, who left to join the Edmonds School District.

2. Transportation Improvements

David Bynum, director of transportation, gave a presentation updating transportation changes this year, including:

- All new bus routes with the opening of Northwood, with the most significant changes at the elementary level. For example, West Mercer has five bus routes this year, down from 10 last year.
- District buses serving late start Wednesday MIHS bus routes
- Long bus rides reduced from 50 minutes to 29 minutes. The new boundaries have resulted in lower transportation costs.
- Great to see a neighborhood school at work, with many Northwood kids walking to school.

Traffic flow and street impact

- High school has new drop off areas.
- Middle school, new entrance and drop off areas.
- Families learning the drop off and safe walking routes developed at Northwood and the North Mercer Complex. Plans call for ditches on SE 42nd between 86th and 88th SE. to be covered into culverts, with work being done next summer.

Stop Arm Cameras

- Five (5) buses have stop arm camera monitoring.
 - There were 16 citations issued, many others reviewed by MIPD.
- Any funds received by the district from the program would be used to improve safety, sidewalks or other improvements.

3. Fundamental 7 and Diversity and Equity work

Dr. Plano explained the work of the Diversity Advisory Committee, and reviewed DAC's focus of work on students. Each school has diversity action teams and made individual school commitments to diversity and have diversity goals in school improvement plans. He also reviewed the most recent ethnicity numbers showing increased diversity on the Island. He also reviewed new Fundamental 7, and the monitoring of that work.

4. Mercer Island Schools Foundation Phone-a-Thon

Dr. Plano previewed the annual "All in for Kids" Phone-a-Thon to be held

Nov. 15 and 16 and asked the committee to please help get the word out in advance. He noted that among the state's 295 school districts and five tribal schools, Mercer Island ranks 294th in federal funding, 291st in state funding, and 163rd when combining state and local support.

5. Commute to Mercer Island chart

With ST3 on the ballot upcoming and the continuing discussions regarding I-90 mobility with ST2, Dr. Plano passed out a chart detailing where MISD certificated and classified staff live, showing that when combined, about a third live on the Island, a third in Seattle and a third on the rest of the Eastside.

6. Bell Times

Dr. Plano distributed a sheet detailing present conditions for bell times and variables for the committee to consider. The committee split into four small groups for discussion. The groups then reported out, agreeing that this is a complicated issue. Some groups felt flipping high school and elementary bell times would provide more optimal learning, but at the same time feeling that HS students may stay up late regardless and expressing concerns about effect on practices and after school activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.