

Superintendent Community Advisory (SEAC) October 31, 2018
MISD Board Room, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent Community Advisory (SCA)
Members present

Representing	Name
MISD/Superintendent	Donna Colosky
MISD/Finance	Ty Bergstrom
MISD/Communications	Craig Degginger
PTA Council	Janelle Honeycutt Stephanie Parmenter
MIPD	Ed Holmes
City Council Member	Debbie Bertlin
MI Parks & Rec.	Jessi Bon
MI Fire/Emergency Prep	Jennifer Franklin
MISF	Penny Yantis
Rotary Club	Dr. Goichi Shiotsu
Chamber of Commerce	Emmett Maloof
League of Women Voters	Myra Lupton
Faith Based Community	Jon Conradt
Senior Citizen Community	Myra Lupton
Boys and Girls Club	Dena Kindred
JCC	Amy Lavin
Pediatrician	Elizabeth Evans, MD
Realtor	Kathryn Lerner
MI Library	Carrie Bowman Linda Ernst
Board Director	Deborah Lurie

Superintendent Donna Colosky welcomed the members to the new committee and they introduced themselves.

Donna reviewed the MISD Superintendent Focus Priorities, noting that the Class of 2031 have now entered kindergarten.

Teaching and Learning priorities:

Professional Learning

Multi-Tier Systems of Support

Inclusive and equitable child centered education for each student

Monitoring and administration priorities:

Fundamental Monitoring

Fiscally Sustainable Funding

Human Resources

Facilities, including evaluating current facilities for future planning

Four new Superintendent Advisories have been created:

Superintendent Equity Advisory Council

Superintendent Community Advisory

Superintendent Teaching and Learning Advisory

Superintendent Student Advisory

The Highly Capable and Special Education programs have undergone reviews.

School Board strategic planning: The Board is undertaking a review/update of Board Policy 2020 this year.

Capital Projects/Facilities Update – Ty Bergstrom

A survey has been done to evaluate the status of current facilities for capacity and future planning, and safety and security for students and staff.

Mercer Island High School received a new roof in summer 2018. New directed lighting on the field at the stadium was installed over the summer.

The District is studying potential improvements to Mary Wayte Pool, including potentially replacing the boiler system. Work was done last year to reline the pipes at the pool.

Planning is underway for a new secure front entrance/vestibule at the high school, with construction anticipated in spring 2019.

Education Funding/MISD Budget Overview

Ty Bergstrom reviewed the actions taken by the state Legislature last spring.

The prototypical school model remained the same

But while the state granted more funds to districts, at same the it cut local levies.

MISD settled a two-year contract with MIEA.

The law enacted in the wake of the McCleary ruling defines local funding as local enrichment dollars, but doesn't make clear what enrichment means. Districts are required to create new budgets that makes assumptions four years out.

Safety Net - Districts are allowed to apply for funds to reimburse large special education costs, typically get back 10 percent or so.

Transportation funding – Districts will be receiving some additional funding for the transportation portion of those salaries.

Foundation/PTA support - Mercer Island is trying to be less dependent on that funding for salaries.

Enrollment - This year about 40 less student than last year in kindergarten. But there is growth in pre-K special ed. The District is projecting relatively flat enrollment for the next four years.

Potential for staffing and other cost reductions

The bottom line is that MISD is now deficit spending like many districts.

Still seeking clarity on state funding and enrollment and what reductions if any would be needed going forward.

Ty shared budget figures for the next four years, with decreasing fund balances.

Legislative issues to be discussed in the 2019 session beginning in January include:

The new State Employees Benefits Board

Class size reduction

Special education costs and potentially more funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting, January 30, 2019, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.