PAC Meeting October 13, 2016

Introductions and Welcome:
- Everyone introduced themselves.
- Would like to do some planning today for future meetings, so that Vicki can make arrangements as necessary to have staff present.
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Bellevue Football Game Safety: Bellevue/MI admins worked together to ensure positive experience at football games. 2 additional referees were hired for the game. 2 additional Police Officers were added for safety concerns. The WIAA person in charge of Football came to the game. Everything went well. Continued concern for the negative rivalry between both school. Vicki suggested we get the two booster clubs together from MIHS and BHS to discuss how to model positive rivalry for our students.

Mentor program for new parents - Diane Tien, VP Outreach for MIHS PTSA:
- Looking to pair up returning parents to be mentors to incoming/new families. First step has been documenting helpful information
- Diane used as reference the Survival Guide developed by Diane Johnson
- Started creating framework using PowerPoint.
- Looking for volunteers to help review content. If interested, email Diane at dianebtien@gmail.com or outreach@mihsptsa.org.
- MIHS will be developing a form for new families to consent, when they register for school in the spring, to have their contact information sent to PTSA for purposes of receiving information for new families. This will help us make contact with new families before the start of school in the fall.
- Considering working with ASB to create a “Welcome New Student” group.
- Discussed having power point translated.
- Ideas for including students: What about having one-one connections with students? Teacher advisor for ASB considering making this a project. MIHS has other programs that do similar work (e.g. Natural Helpers). Consider having students create PowerPoint for students, similar to what Diane is creating for parents. Perhaps have ASB leadership work on this? Consider having lunch area reserved for new students to ask questions and get information.
- Should program expand to include not just families new to MISD, but also incoming Freshmen families who have never been at MIHS?
- Diane drafting one-page welcome letter with paragraphs from admin/parents/students

Topics of interest for future meetings:
- Equity/diversity and how does that tie into discipline/restorative justice goal is to keep kids in school, reduce suspensions
- Erica Hill running a committee on restorative justice
- School board looking for more info on how teachers are integrating diversity/equity into the classroom
- Do all students have same access? Access to all courses and access to support in those courses.
- Vicki looking into student data to see how certain student populations are accessing various courses
  (e.g., girls in computer science courses)
- (ACTION NEEDED) Vicki asked each of the members to go back to their respective groups they represent (9th grade class, etc.) and ask for future topics that would be of interest for the PAC meetings.

**Topics Brought Up in Meeting:**

**Bridges**
Under review this year.
Reports of inconsistencies and negative reputation

**Healthy Youth Survey**
Concerns about accuracy of responses.
Derek Franklin of YFS can address this. There have been studies looking at validity of such surveys.

**Career coaching/CCR**
Helping students identify skills they have
Sometimes students are pressured to know what they want to do
How do we open up conversations with our kids?
CCR group is updating its vision

**Forefront training/Mental health issues**
- What does Vicki worry about? safety issues and mental health of students
- Could have mental health counselors discuss what’s going on. MIHS YFS counselors had over 800 visits during recent school year.
- Could have SRO (Student Resource Officer) come to discuss what is going on in the community
- Parents/students often discuss how “hard” high school is. What does that mean? Should PAC members survey their grade levels to understand what that means? Jackie will talk to PTSA editor about sending grade specific email blasts.

**Concerns & questions:**
- **Student parking** - process was confusing. There were equity issues about who got parking and who didn’t.
- Problems developed in the transition from one Assoc Principal to another.
- Vicki planning to have one of secretaries take this on.
- Goal is to make the process more organized and transparent. Mr. Carlisle will remain to
deal with any disputes or complaints.

- Staff has grown so more parking spots are needed for staff. There are very few visitor spots left; spots 1-3 in A lot. Administrators are parking at Admin building. There are lots of issues because we just don’t have enough parking. City of Mercer Island will not allow us to reduce student parking slots so all staff can have parking at the workplace. Vicki will continue the dialogue with the district administrators involved with the city.

- Senior parking passes: last year, every eligible senior received a spot. This year, there are more seniors wanting spots. Some juniors have special circumstances that give them priority to get a spot (e.g. running start). Unfortunately, this fall, some juniors without special circumstances got spots.

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