



**Mammoth Heights Elementary
School Accountability Committee
2016-2017**

Date: February 1, 2017

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: MHE Learning Commons

Attendance:

Nick Holtvluwer

Kiersten Hall

Carissa Mazzeo

Beth Huffman

Sarah Porter

Gary Colley

Jennifer Dickman

Kelly Mullins

Brenda Van Dyke

Rick Graves

Ed Goulart

Jeanne Carberry

Chad McGovern

Brooke Neff

Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions - *(Rick Graves and Nick Holtvluwer)* 6:30-6:45

2. November minutes reviewed and approval & DAC Report - *(Rick Graves and Jenny Dickman)* 6:45-6:50

Motioned to approve by Rick Graves, second by Beth Hoffman. Minutes approved.

DAC report: Chris Pratt discussed rereviewing and changing Anti-Bullying policies. Need to cover some holes that were found. Another forum coming up. Security presentation: uniforms, radios, lockdown processes and how to communicate to parents. Changes to appointments on DAC: if a person leaves, they will go back to pool of interviewees instead of starting process over. There is a general consensus at the DAC meeting that recommendations against Charter schools is not being heard by Board as they were approved anyways.

3. Teacher report – *(Chad McGovern-teacher rep)* 6:50-7:00

Staff did a promotional video for our school. Battle of the Books is in full swing and did a student vs adults today. Spelling Bee in January, 100 day in Kindie on Friday, 1st annual Empty Bowls on Thursday.

4. PTO Organization (PTO) report – (Kate Kraz-PTO rep) 7:00-7:10

Talent Show in March, Next Restaurant Night 2/8 @ Panera Bread. Bookfit Bowl Read-a-thon in February and book fair in March. Food Truck Night in May. Possible seminar fundraiser - still discussing.

5. Understanding the 2016 School Performance Framework Ratings and Mammoth Heights Elementary - (Kiersten Hall) 7:10-7:20

Results from PARCC test 2016 discussed. PARCC given last 2 years to grades 3-6: ELA and Math, and Science to 5th only. Now that PARCC has been given for 2 years, we were able to get a framework. Prior to PARCC (TCAP & CSAP) we had 100% students taking, last year there was 100 students that were excused from testing. This is roughly 1/4 of eligible students. Scores not representative of what we are doing here at MHE. We are considered on an improvement plan and are indicated with low participation: 49.7/100. Academic achievement is based on last year and growth is trend past 2 years. Variance between achievement and growth due to no previous testing for 3rd graders. Additional interventionist added to work with students. Excusals not detrimental to school. PARCC replaced TCAP, TCAP replaced CSAP--same academic areas tested. STAR testing done at MHE. PARCC delivered on computer unless special request for a booklet. Question asked if teachers feel PARCC results are helpful. Answer: data can come late, can be helpful for current teacher. Gives insight on staff development, UIP, school improvement plan. Data used to drive needs. Question on why do parents opt out. Answer is that it is a personal choice. Clarified that PARCC is still testing the same population and same academic domains.

MHE reflection: Do we value standardized testing: as a community suggest that we say yes as long as we keep things in perspective. Standardized testing is a life skill: practice grit and perseverance. Eventually students will need to take and pass a test. Results are an overall reflection of our school. Let's value standardized tests not because it guides how we operate, but rather as a reflection of our school community while instilling life skills and building character. Showed the new MHE video with important numbers represented.

Question on how to get passed the PARCC negativity? Are teachers teaching to the test? There are practice exams to teach students how to take it on the computer and navigate the test. Concerns about pressure around the test. Low participation skews the data. Results are not used for grouping students or placing students.

Takeaway: promote MHE value of standardized testing to community.

6. Budget Priorities for 2017-18 School Year - (Nick Holtvluwer) 7:20-7:40

Staff budget priorities that we have control over:

#1 AP

#2 small class size

#3 Intervention

#4 Counselor

#5 EA support

Our numbers were off by 100 from last years projection.

Projection for next year: 585 students

7. Open forum for guests – (*Rick Graves*) 7:40-8:00

Next meeting:

3/1/17 @ 6:30 PM