

WJMS ACCOUNTABILITY MINUTES

May 2022

Date | 5/9/2022 | Meeting called to order by John SeEVERS

In Attendance

Melissa Gutierrez	Kristin Oppenheimer
Kim Halingsstad	John SeEVERS

Approval of Minutes

The March 2022 minutes were published to the school website on March 16th.

Principal's Report

Kim Halingsstad gave the principal's report.

8th Grade Continuation

The school will be holding the 8th grade Continuation ceremony from 10 – 11 am on Wednesday, May 25th on the school's field (gym if raining/snowing). Families will need to bring chairs and the school will provide a map of where they can sit on the field.

The PTA will be putting on the 8th grade Continuation dance the evening of Wednesday, May 25th. It is tentatively scheduled for 7 – 8:30 pm but the planning committee is looking at a possible earlier start to accommodate adult volunteer chaperone availability.

2022-2023 School Year

A national trend in schools this year is a disconnect in learning behaviors and social-emotional skills such as self-regulation, accountability, responsibility, stamina, and personal interaction. This is understandable after two and a half years of flexing and accommodating learning environments due to the pandemic. Jeffco principals have discussed the need for re-norming and recalibrating our staff and our students to get back on track. We are committing part of our time now and in August to defining the success criteria for effective and positive social-emotional and learning behaviors.

Communication on re-norming/recalibration for staff and students will be sent before the start of school, covering topics for both staff and students to include attendance/tardies, grading, academic responsibilities, lockers and backpacks, Google Classroom, hats, dress code, food in classrooms, parent-teacher conferences, and communication.

The staff has seen the proposed bell schedule for next year; it has not been finalized yet. It is expected that block days will be Wednesday and Thursday and there will be more Advise/academic seminar time built in for students to work with teachers, catch up on work, and work on building skills to fill gaps we have seen across the board.

Geometry and World Language will be offered through Jeffco Virtual Academy.

Outdoor Improvements

\$12,000 from the PTA's fundraiser has been designated to be spent on outdoor enhancements such as seating and equipment for recess and play areas. The school is already looking at adding outdoor picnic tables and an additional outdoor garbage can. We would like to look into adding swings or tetherball.

Family Engagement

The school is seeking ideas for improving family engagement and creating more opportunities for families to participate in and provide perspective on school decisions and management.

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Old Business

Membership

We are still seeking nominations for the committee chair and vice-chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Kim will follow up on family interest surveys to identify potential committee members and leaders.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Next Meeting

Date: TBD, likely in August 2022

Time: 2:45 pm

Location: WJMS / Zoom