

MRPS District-Wide Visioning Committee

A committee of the MONTPELIER ROXBURY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Montpelier High School + virtual access

Monday, 03/14/2022 6:30pm - minutes

Approved: 04/06/2022 School Board Meeting

Present:

Libby Bonesteel, Superintendent; Caitlin Brower, community member; Joe Carroll, teacher; Cale Ellingson, student; Suzy Ford, staff; Dottie Guiffre, community member; Melissa Houser, community member; Amirah Lewis, student; Merrick Modun, student; Elliott Muller, student; Tina Muncy, community member; Emery Richardson, student; Amelia Woodard, student; Carmen Richardson-Skinder, student; Rhett Williams, board member; Nick Conner, Community Liaison
Nathan Suter, Facilitator

Absent:

Sigrid Olson, community member;

Meeting began at 6:03

- No public comment
- Minutes from 2/28 approved by committee
- Discussion regarding the draft community survey - discussion points:
 - Students are the answer, let's lift up their voices
 - May lose kids voice if the survey is long and tedious
 - We could accept short videos and transcribe them for student vision ideas
 - TAs at MHS - TA teachers could collect these thoughts
 - Students may distrust surveys - some district decisions don't seem to reflect student input
 - MSMS - Don Taylor did a similar project that was focused on sustainability
 - Do we value universal design in this process?
 - Simple language is inclusive language
 - Appreciation for the "branching" part of the survey that explores opinions of those who are enrolled elsewhere
 - In conversations and interviews some folks may want to talk about their experiences - we listen and filter for meaning
 - Making a connection with people (rapport) will help us get thoughtful answers
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- Next steps:
 - Committee agreed that Nathan can revise this draft survey and we can begin to distribute it. Committee will review notes and responses at next meeting
 - Committee members committed to circulating the survey within their networks and in the following contexts:
 - Friends of Montpelier Schools Facebook page: Caitlin
 - Front Porch Forum: Suzy (and others!)
 - UES Staff: Suzy

- MREA (teacher's union): Joe
 - MHS Faculty: Joe
 - MHS TA's: Joe
 - Bus stops and neighborhoods: Nick
 - MHS Racial Justice Alliance (RJA): Amelia
 - MHS Gay Straight Alliance (GSA): Elliott
 - School Clubs: Emery
 - Restorative Practices group / Community Building circles: Cale & Carmen
 - MHS students generally: Merrick, Amirah
 - Roxbury Village School (RVS): Rhett, Dotti, Amirah
 - MSMS: Carmen, Merrick
- Meeting concluded at 7:37pm