



SSAC Monthly Meeting

Minutes for November 16, 2023

Roll Call: Audubon

Bay View

Green Tree Prep

Hamilton

MacDowell Montessori

Milwaukee School of Languages

North Division

Pulaski

Reagan

Rufus King International

South Division

Vincent

Washington

Absent: Bradley Technology and Trade

Golda Meir School

James Madison Academic Campus

Milwaukee School of the Arts

Obama SCTE

Riverside University

Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning

- Students began arriving via MPS transportation plan around 4:20pm
- As the students arrive at Central Service, they are escorted up to rooms 206/208 to network with each other and have dinner.
- At 4:30pm Mr. Valdés congratulates the newly elected Executive Officers for the SSAC
 - Johnathan Dye, Milwaukee School of Languages - President
 - Frederick Young, Bay View - Secretary

Dr. Keith Posley – Superintendent - Milwaukee Public Schools – Director Zombor - Member at Large and Director Henry Leonard - District #7 - 4:45PM

Also, welcome Guest Senior Director of Student Services - Mr. Boswell - 5:15PM

- Introduced by Johnathan Dye, Milwaukee School of Languages

Johnathan Dye, Manuel Ishag, Owen Driscoll, and Jordan White - Presentation on Assembly Bill 69

- All public schools and charter schools have to report any incidents that either occur in the school building or on the school grounds to law enforcement.
 - If a school has 100 or more events, then they must impose a school officer within the schools.
 - Student responses:
 - What if one incident results in multiple arrests?
 - Where does the “extra money” come from? - the district?
 - Does MPS have a way to work on the language of the Bill?



- Not all schools are the same.
- Could this be a way, if the Bill has already passed, to work the language in favor of providing opportunities to change the school culture for the good?
- Can the Bill serve to incentivize the district with regard to the way we see student discipline happening?
- Can students serve on a committee to assist school leadership in devising a plan to change school culture as a result of this Bill?
- Develop a brainstorming team involving students, teachers and school leaders to help create a plan to build trust between students and staff
- Does MPS have to comply with this Bill? If not, will it take money away from the district? What would be the consequences?
- If we have to have the officers, can they stay out in the street and patrol the area, rather than be IN the buildings?
- Can we have our own officers? Can we do a campus patrol or whatever or can we partner with Marquette University or UW-M or MATC. Grow our own MPS patrol - a special squad?
- A visual presence of police may be an incentive for schools to “behave” in a way that is productive to the individual school.
- As students we need to think about prevention rather than punishment. How can we make this work for our schools? Many of us fear going to school daily - fights, shootings, bullying, etc. How can we prevent this on our own campuses?
- I am against heavy police in schools (just for my history with the police) Fear is a great life motivator, but how people react to fear is going to be a very dangerous experiment
- If a school gets an SRO because of their past violations, can the school work with this person(s) so as NOT to receive this officer as a punishment? Can a plan be in place to welcome this person into the school community? For prevention? What will be the rationale for this person to come into the community, other than bad vibes?
- What will this do for the optics of the district if we allow this Bill to serve as punishment?
- Will the student mindset be negative if they get an SRO in place? How will this action be communicated to the students and parents?
- Is there something that each school can do on their own campuses to prevent the 100 incidents?



- Are there any campaigns that we could do to make our schools safer on our own? A kind of 'take your school into your own hands,' approach so that schools can become what their population wants it to be?
- What training will there be for these officers who come into our buildings? How do we build trust with the uniform that scares many young people? Particularly to marginalized groups.
- Could peer mediation work? It is somewhat working at Marshall HS
- How can we make connections with the officers who will come into our schools?
- Can we be more preventative since this is a 'done deal? We need to think of the optics in our community and with the news media. If we can be preventative, can this make the news and help to change the optics of MPS?

Advisor Valdés - FINAL COMMENTS: I just wanted to say that I appreciate this conversation. and I love that you guys are really engaged in this conversation because this is very important. I would like to give you five minutes to jot down notes because I know that some of you have a lot to say, but aren't really good at public speaking and would rather not talk. So, I'm going to give you five to 10 minutes to just jot down some notes at each table.

- What are some of your biggest questions?
- What are some of the things that upset you the most about this?

- Dr. Posley shared his opportunity to go to Atlanta Public Schools
 - Atlanta Public Schools had their own school officers that belongs to the school district
 - These officers are like social workers with radios
 - Atlanta police officers and Atlanta Public Schools officers are different entities

- Student's feedback

Washington High School of Information Technology - Superintendent/SSAC luncheon

- Members of the SSAC in Washington High School was given the opportunity to host the Superintendent/SSAC luncheon on November 15th
- Students feedback for the luncheon was very positive
 - "The luncheon provided us an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and talk about the positive things about Washington High School.



Paul Maynard - SSAC Member - Audubon Technology and Communications High School

- Shared information about an app that he and a small group at Audubon HS are creating for their school
 - The idea is to be an alternative way to check events and other school-related events rather than constantly checking the school website on a Chromebook
- He wanted to share his idea of the app to the other schools provided they would want to do something similar for their schools

SSAC Officers Run-off for Vice-President - 6:15PM

- Jeffery Payne - Vice
- Campbell Chigbu - Vice
- * Jeffery Payne from Marshall HS was voted in as Vice-President of the SSAC by a vote of 21-13

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

Students were escorted to the busses in the parking lot of Central Services building

Next Meeting

Jan 25, 2024- Central Office - 4:30-6:30 PM

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