

CONSENT AGENDA

Thursday, February 3, 2022

FAMILY INTEREST SURVEY 2022

MPS parents and guardians play a vital role in the student success. We want to understand how best to support you to improve family and community engagement — your opinion is important to us. This [flyer](#) provides information about the survey, a link, and a QR code to complete it. *(Spanish will be available soon)*. **It will remain open until February 28, 2022.**

mpsmke.com/spcssurvey

MPS HOSTS VACCINE CLINICS AT 11 SCHOOLS

The COVID-19 vaccine is approved for everyone age 5 and older. MPS will host COVID-19 clinics to help families access FREE vaccines. Appointments are not needed. **[See the complete schedule by downloading a flyer.](#)**

A signed consent form is needed for children to receive the vaccine.

[Download the vaccine consent form in English.](#)

[Download the vaccine consent form in Spanish.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! VIRTUAL KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FAIR

Kindergarten enrollment for fall 2022 will begin February 5, 2022. MPS will host a virtual enrollment fair to help families explore programs, choose schools, and enroll students. Mark your calendar to attend the enrollment fair on February 5, 2022, from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Link the link to the [flyer here](#).

MPS NEEDS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Help children succeed! MPS is hiring substitute teachers at a rate of up to \$200 per day.

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree. A teaching license OR successfully passing the [Stedi.org](#) training is also required. Other training pathways are possible. Visit the [MPS Substitute Teaching web page](#) for more information and to apply.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES

Get important district and school messages sent to your phone! Encourage your families to opt in by texting to 67587 with the message “Y”. This can be done for any mobile phone. For questions or assistance, please contact the Department of Communications and Marketing at or comm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

SIGN UP FOR THE PARENT PORTAL!

Receive real-time updates and alerts right on your phone! Keeping our families informed is a high priority at MPS. An effective way to receive real-time updates and alerts from the district and your child's school is through SchoolMessenger. **For assistance setting up a new Infinite Campus/Parent Portal account:** Parents/guardians should contact the parent coordinator at their child's school or email parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

MPS App

Get all the latest news and updates! Download the MPS App and follow us on social media. Fast access to news, updates, and the entire MPS website is available on the MPS App (for Apple and Android smartphone platforms). To download the app [iOS](#) & [Android devices](#).

I. January Meeting Minutes

- Appendix 1: January Meeting Minutes
 - Appendix 1.1: QuestionsDiscussion for Presenters (Director Leonard) from chat
 - Appendix 1.2: Follow up email from Director Leonard (Sent out to delegates on 1/19/22).
 - Appendix 1.3 January PowerPoint

II. January Meeting Statistics

- January Attendance
 - There were 96 people in attendance.



Appendix 1

AGENDA

Meeting of the Milwaukee Public School District Advisory Council Thursday, January 13, 2021 6:00 pm – Virtual

I. Welcome -Darryl Hall - Mr. Hall welcomed all participants and asked the interpreter to say a few words and gave instructions for those using the services of the interpreter. Instructions for sign-in, questions and comments were given for all participants. Participants are asked to please put their name and school in the chat with comments. If your question or concern is not addressed at this meeting, please feel free to contact the Executive Committee at dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us The Executive committee has vacancies that hopefully will be filled by some of those participating in tonight's meeting.

II. Consent Agenda/Expectations - Darryl Hall

Mr. Hall touched on the family and community engagement report that can be found in the November Consent Agenda and the five priorities of success which can be found on the MPS website.

The minutes from the November meeting are available on your consent agenda that was sent to your email. If you are not receiving the emails, please contact us through dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us and update your information.

November meeting attendance: 130

III. Positive Notes

Kathryn Buschmann - Edward MacDowell Montessori: We support MPS in their decision to go virtual for a short period of time to prevent the spread of COVID. MacDowell staff have been great. Picking up our daughter's chrome book with fast and easy. Even with staffing shortages, they take the time to communicate with families.

Amanda Dawabsheh - US Grant: The staff at my school are going far above and beyond to serve the families at our school. From cleaning the classrooms and replacing toweling in bathrooms, to arranging take-home packets for virtual learning, to working hard to get each child online every day, they are showing the best of MPS.

Venetia Ward - King IB High School: Rufus King International High School over the last two years have decreased the failure rate in all subjects. Our teachers are simply the best as they show up daily to deliver excellent academic rigor to our students despite the pandemic. I would like to shout out the heroic efforts of our awesome school nurse, Nurse Joy Briggs, for showing up daily for our students and staff!

Minnie Cross - Dr. Benjamin Carson: I appreciate head start teachers for keeping the students excited. My granddaughter has demonstrated the fun enjoyment of learning.



IV. Presentations

1. Facilitated Discussion
 - a. Director Henry Leonard, School Board member District #7 and Jenni Hofschulte, DAC Delegate for Maryland Ave. Montessori and Executive Committee Representative

Appendix 1.1
Questions/Discussion from the Chat

Positive Notes:

Lori Albers – Golda Meir:

Golda Meir did a fabulous job providing socially distanced holiday concerts so our children and families could attend safely.

Winnifred Aitch, Parent Delegate: Holmes Elementary

Virtual School Attendance is UP !

Holmes met Expectations on the DPI State Report Card!

Holmes new School Support Teacher, Ms. Williams, is making a splash with families and staff.

Bader Foundation is working with us on a grant to provide Project Lead the Way materials for K4 – 5th grade.

Safe Place is partnering with the Bader Foundation, H2O Productions, Keep Milwaukee Beautiful, and WI Bike Federation with an emphasis on renewing student social skills

Questions/Discussion from Conversation with Director Leonard:

Here are the resources for navigating the Board Governance agendas and information

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezgVdnGz70pPQfzYFbOt7lfNpxdVNDakC50wc1NiViE/edit?usp=sharing>

Are they sending kid-size N95s?

Will there be k95 mask provided for kids?

I have only found KN94 for children.

Is there an option to remain virtual?

So, the children won't be able to take regular masks anymore?

We found children's KN95s on Amazon but they were very expensive (\$2/mask).

What if we don't have masks of KN95?

What, if anything, can be done about the low (8%?) vaccination rate among 5-11-year-olds in MPS?

How can we stop the spread when some parents are sending their children to school that have tested positive

How do we calculate the 3% of positive cases in a school?

Is it cumulative? Would there have to be a cluster of positive cases?

I'd like to hope that something can be offered in regards to staying virtual since currently the numbers are high.

Numbers are also up when you test asymptomatic people.

Is MPS going with the CDC guidelines as to 5 days?

Will MPS consider mandating the vaccine for students?

The 5-day guideline are only for asymptomatic people.

So, whoever has COVID only have to quarantine for 5 days??

No, they're still doing 10 days

I still have children missing school because of the bus shortage nothing has changed since the beginning of the school year.

Are they treating the filters with something?

Who is tracking the cleaning?

No deep cleaning is being performed....

What will happen with other shot mandates like vaccines for Polio, measles, mumps?

MCTS treats the filters in the buses with a natural agent that kills the virus in the air.

Under what circumstances will the board consider re-evaluating the caseload by percent to send people virtual? It seems like with the high virulence of omicron a lot of schools are going to hit 3% extremely quickly.

When we they allow volunteers back into buildings who could possibly be helping with the cleaning.

I agree maybe we can get volunteers to help clean. MLS#: 1737424

Volunteers are vaccinated as well.

Clean power

Yes, I am a volunteer and will be gladly help clean the school and it would be a plus being vaccinated.

But right now, they're not supposed to come back, which is extremely frustrating.

Why don't we go to a 4-day school week and take one day to clean?

I've not even heard back from my application to be a volunteer.

I think it would be wonderful to allow volunteers into our buildings. It is so helpful for our school and great for community building. Our volunteers have gone through the process of background checks and uploaded their vaccination information. They are safe to allow in buildings.

Volunteers for extra cleaning (or similar) sounds good, but let's make sure we aren't tempted to replace qualified substitute teachers with parent volunteers.

I am comfortable with the 3% particularly because there's such a low vaccination rate.

HEPA filters are electrostatic, and should not need any treatment.

Other districts also don't wear mask are we considering that also? 3% is not a high percentage.

Parents send the student to school sick or asymptomatic I really feel 3% is a safe number

I don't necessarily think it SHOULD be increased at the moment, but it does rather make one wonder how long reopening is going to last at a lot of schools.

Can we have vaccine clinics at every school on a rotating basis or is that not feasible?

If a teacher has an exemption from the vaccine how often do they have to get tested?

What percentage of MPS staff are vaccinated?

I know of a pharmacy willing to come in the school to vaccinate. Would MPS approve that if me as PC could make it happen?

I think once the vaccination rates increase, masks continue to be used, etc we can slowly reopen schools. But, with this pandemic becoming endemic we have a long way to go at the moment.

Our best bet is to stay patient and honestly that's not the answer any of us would like to hear.

Let's not forget some parents are not legal citizens on site clinics are a good idea parents need to be safe.

What does their status have to do with anything?

As long as our kids are safe that shouldn't matter.

It's basically a no-win situation because you don't want your kids to get sick, but virtual school is also a huge disruption for working parents, and there's more resistance to WFH from employers now than there was in March 2020.

The data will never be accurate.

I completely understand where you're coming from. At the end someone will unfortunately always end up getting the short end of the deal.

How do parents know if their child has been in close contact with another child that has tested positive? Because those emails do not tell parents nothing.

The COVID emails are extremely cryptic and not helpful.

Some schools don't notify or alert when there's a close contact with a student.

It has happened in my home.

It happened with us as well. My kids and their cousins live together. 2 are in the same grade.

They can add a section in the dashboard to calculate % of positive cases per school. It should be fairly easy to have it populate as data is added daily.

The Scary part is the children do not have many if any symptoms.

We keep a spreadsheet that is update as the cases come in. Only our principal/secretary/nurse/COVID Coordinator have access.

Yes! My child's school also shares a space with a high school and that's a huge concern.

That school didn't go virtual.

Pulaski has the same issue with Carmen.

So now our kids are going to a possible hot spot.

The school is Alba and Carmen.

Will they be an issue with the busses?

School administrators need to do a better job with accurately reporting positive cases to the district as well as staff and families. Also enforcing the mask mandate for staff and students.

So just to confirm, if cloth and regular paper layered masks are ineffective against omicron, are kids getting n94s on Tuesday?

The problem is that some of scholars are still not logging in due to technology issues so they are not counted in attendance.

What are we doing about the high numbers at Central Office?

If a child tested positive over the Christmas break do the school need to be informed?

I am satisfied with how the administrator at Emerson alerts the parents right away about any COVID cases.

With parents not sending their children with mask or students not keeping on mask is there some type of consequences that can be enforced.

Only the adult sizes are being handed out.

We got our child ones delivered today.

The libraries have had some, but all adult sizes only.

The city only has adult size at this point I believe.

The children should not be held accountable due to technology issues. It is beyond their control.

Why are we getting positive cases in my kids school if they are virtual?

For those opting out can we make a plan to have them be virtual for the count we need to let those who feel unsafe have a virtual alternative?

Scholars/Families have an option of doing an additional two weeks virtual when we return is that correct.

Mill Rd health center was handing out mask.

The k95 that has been given out to the families at the community centers are for adults not kids so where can we get them for our kids.

Even if we call the school to inform them about our technical issues they say we will mark them present but they NEVER DO & MARK THEM ABSENT.

The community center near 24 and Mitchell had mask also.

From what I heard Mill RD health department is out of masks.

Libraries are all out of masks.

Libraries in Milwaukee updated their websites and said they ran out at 6pm.

Villard Library was out by noon today.

Per fox 6 news the libraries are out of mask again. Testing sites still have them though.

Any mask is better than no mask. But the data looks like surgical masks are better than cloth, and N95s are better than that.

On Tuesday, are we asking students and staff to switch masks if they have cloth masks?

Yes. They said cloth masks are out the window

The fit is what matters. These tiny little faces struggle find fits!



Yes, can we get some filters for our schools!

Double masking (cloth with a paper surgical mask) is also a good alternative.

Amazon has cloth mask that comes with the filters.

Amazon have KN94 mask for children but the price has doubled since I have purchased ours

You can contact your board directors here and follow along with their activities.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezgVdnGz70pPQfzYFbOt7IfNpxdVNDakC50wc1NiViE/edit?usp=sharing>.

Thank you Director Leonard-we really appreciate you being here and answering our questions.

Thank you!



Appendix 1.2
Email from Director Leonard sent on 1/19/22:

Good Morning,

I am updating the information I sent last week. Regarding masks, we are receiving children's KN95 and N95 masks and they should be available in buildings today. Staff have been telling me that they are in many of their classrooms.

Thank You
Director Leonard

Appendix 1.3
January PowerPoint

District Advisory Council
January 13, 2022



MPS
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Presenters: DAC Executive Committee
Dr. Keith F. Parsley, Superintendent

Welcome to the MPS District Advisory Council

We are excited you're joining us today!
Please sign-in with the link in the chat!

At this time, can you please mute your microphone?



We will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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DAC Virtual Meeting Etiquette

6:00-6:02 p.m.

- Enter Name and School representing on screen name.
- Please mute your mic.
- Enter all questions in the chat.
- Email questions and comments to dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.



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Welcome!

6:02-6:08 p.m.

Questions or Concerns:

Henry Leonard (Board Director-7th district)

- 414-750-7319 or 414-550-2144
- leonarhf@milwaukee.k12.wi.us



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DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)

Open Executive Committee Positions

Position	Name	6:02-6:08 p.m
Chairperson (2 years)	Vacant	
Vice Chairperson (1 year)	Vacant	
Recording Secretary (2 years)	Vacant	
Communications Secretary (1 year)	Vacant	
Parliamentarian	Jennifer Hofschulte	
Member at Large (Parent Coordinator) (2 years)	Vacant	
Member at Large (2 years)	Vacant	
Member at Large (2 years)	Vacant	
Member at Large (1 year)	Vacant	



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Consent Agenda: Family and Community Engagement Report

5 Priorities of Success

6:02-6:08 p.m



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Consent Agenda continued...

6:02-6:08 p.m

MPS Parent Portal

- Parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us



Return to in-person learning

- January 18, 2022



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Consent Agenda continued...

6:02-6:08 p.m

- December Meeting Minutes
 - December PowerPoint
- December Meeting
 - 115 attended



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DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)

Positive Notes

6:08-6:15 p.m.

Please share some positive things going on at your schools!



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Presentation

6:15 pm - 7 p.m.

• Facilitated Discussion

- Director Henry Leonard, School Board member District #7
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Thank you.

Please fill out your evaluation for this meeting.



Dr. Keith P. Posley, Superintendent



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