Olson Elementary School PTO General Meeting

Tuesday January 12, 2021 6:45pm – 8:06pm

Call to Order (6.45pm)

Toki Middle School Presentation (6.45-7.15pm):

Current virtual schedule: One unified art, 3 cores - 25 -30 min, variety of different things with kids, a talk with kids, positive behavior support ACP lessons, social emotional learning.

Crew at Toki: Each student is part of the crew. Each crew goes to classes together. Class size is 22-25 students. Core classes are 85 min, on virtual schedule - 60 min. Each crew has a Math teacher, a special aid teacher, a student support teacher, a science and social studies teacher, bilingual teacher, English teacher, aids. All teachers collaborate with each other.

Unified arts (specials): Every day for quarter: Technology 1,2 Art, Health; 2-3 days a week: PE, Music **School-wide events:** There are lots of different events, like meet and greet. Student-led conferences, community dinner, Madison college field trip, 6th grade caving field trip.

Student leadership at Toki: student council, black student union, social action club, etc.

3 students shared their experiences on following questions:

What has been your favorite part of middle school?

What has been the most challenging part of the middle school?

What is some advice you have for incoming 6th graders?

MSCR after-school: Virtual clubs: homework club T-R 3.15-5pm, Juventud T, R 4-5pm, other clubs (gaming club T 3.30-5pm, anime, K-pop club).

Upcoming School orientation: Wednesday, January 20th, 6-7pm. Will be recorded and posted on the website.

Q&A

PTO Updates

Find updates on virtual learning website

Student directory is on the website (Password: swimmy).

Area initiative: Need some donations, especially for rent assistance for some families in our school.

Christine Barone:

Dr Jenkins made a decision to keep the school closed for the time being. This doesn't necessarily mean we will keep the school virtual for the whole 3rd quarter. Hoping to reopen at some point.

Q#3 virtual learning – what will change or be added:

Student lunch bunches

All school assembles

Read Your Heart Out

4K/5K enrollment/registration – beginning of March

Mentors – expanding the program.

"Back in Time" Day – students get to spend time with their teacher and classmates from previous year.

As of right now we are not making any big changes to the schedule.

Upcoming assessments:

FastBridge (January) K-5 grade, Reading and Math.

ANet (February) 2-5 grade students, reading assessment.

FORWARD (state required test, March-May)3-5 graders, must be taken in person. We don't know if we

will be doing the assessment this year yet.

ACCESS (state required, February-April) ESL learners, must be taken in person as well.

Number Corner Checkups (February) K-5th grade, quarterly math assessments, students will complete it in Seesaw.

Q&A

MMSD reopening plan: https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/reopening-plan

MMSD Facebook live on Thursday Jan.14th at 6pm.

How it will impact Olson as reopening rolls in:

Families will be sent an "app" to opt-in to stay virtual for students who want to stay virtually.

Olson is still a "Late start" school this year (will switch to early start next year).

Monday will be an asynchronous day when the school reopens. Students will go Tuesday-Thursday.

4K - One cohort T/W, another cohort Th/F.

All students will receive the same number of academic minutes regardless of in-person vs virtual status. Students opting to return in person would return to a more traditional model with added safety/health measures.

Classroom Setup: spacing out of desks, masks required, 15:1 student - teacher ratio max, no shared supplies, no cloth items.

Health & Safety: two health offices for different purposes.

School supplies: students will need to bring supplies as it's the first day of school. Olson's social worker Lynne Steiner can help with school supplies as well.

New dismissal app – PikMyKid

Dr Jenkins email: cdjenkins@madison.k12.wi.us
Reopening school Survey Results (the most recent):

https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/files/www/uploads/reopening/reopening_survey_data_analysis_boe_mti_web_010721_6.pdf

Meeting adjourned at 8.06pm