(Bloomington, IN.) – Tonight, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the Board approved agenda item 7.02: Recommendation Re: Secondary Schedule Committee. Individuals from groups that represent marginalized, or priority populations have been selected to serve on the High School Scheduling Advisory Committee as established in the November 14th meeting of the School Board of Trustees. For each category, an alternate has also been provided, should one of the primary individuals determine that they no longer can or have interest in serving on the committee. To view the Board’s nominations to the Secondary Schedule Committee, click here. The first Secondary School Committee meeting will be held at 5:30pm on January 10th, 2024 at the Co-Lab.

As part of the regular discussion on Board Goals and Priorities, Dr. Chris Finley, Director of Middle Level Education/Health & Safety, presented on Strategic Plan Equity Goal 4: “Health & Safety.” This is the second time Dr. Finley has presented on “Health & Safety” since Strategic Plan presentations began during the 2022-2023 academic year.

In his presentation to the Board, Dr. Finley presented MCCSC’s integrated approach to health and safety, that focuses on students’ social, emotional, and physical health and safety. Dr. Finley outlined MCCSC’s resources for comprehensive support for all students, families, and staff. MCCSC partners with IU Health, Monroe County Health Department, and local mental health agencies to provide expertise, services and education for students, families, and staff.

Dr. Finley’s presentation also highlighted two newly implemented safety systems: Visitor Aware and STOPit. Visitor Aware is a visitor sign-in system that assists in verifying visitors in our buildings during the school day. The STOPit App is an anonymous reporting system for students, staff and families that is monitored 24/7. Dr. Finley stated, “Both systems enhance our layers of school safety while better promoting “see something, say something, do something” school culture.”

Dr. Finley thanked those who provided feedback and invited the community to submit questions and feedback for the January Strategic Plan Spotlight: Student Discipline Disparity. A copy of Dr. Finley’s presentation and a video recording can be found at www.mccsc.edu/strategicplan. This site also includes timeline of presentations and progress updates on each of the Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities. Additionally, community members can use this link to access the form for community input on all of the Strategic Plan presentations.

In other business, Dr. Hauswald provided a brief report on balancing elementary socioeconomic status (SES) per the Board’s request at the November 14th regular meeting. The report can be found online here.

The next regular meeting of the MCCSC Board of School Trustees is 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2024, at the Co-Lab located at 553 E Miller Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401. A recording of tonight’s meeting of the Board of School Trustees can be accessed through the district’s website at www.mccsc.edu.

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