



School Family & Community Council Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

3:00 pm – Room 311

- **Attendees:**

- See sign-in sheets.

- **Notes:**

- Circle responses and introductions.
- Visiting Speaker: Joseph Di Seta, Baltimore Family Alliance
 - Baltimore Family Alliance was started to create support networks with the goal of keeping families in Baltimore City.
 - Events are held to help families meet and connect with each other. Some events are for families and kids, others just for adults.
 - Baltimore Family Alliance also provides resources for families including summer camp availability lists and information regarding school open houses.
 - They are interested in partnering with schools to help advocate for improving school conditions and helping provide solutions for problems.
 - Currently the organization is planning a focus group in order to understand community needs & grow their volunteer base.
- SY25-26 Budget Priority Engagement Session
 - Budget will be given in early February; \$11.5 – \$12 million budget expected.
 - Data was collected from focus groups and the following needs were identified:
 - more extracurricular activities
 - mental health support
 - parent education
 - reduced class sizes/adjusting the student:adult ratio
 - Principles to managing our school budget:
 - paying down building debt
 - maintaining staff model
 - adding staff

- reducing class size.
 - HHA does not have a school performance plan/school improvement plan. Instead, our progress is monitored during the charter renewal process. HHA is in the 2nd year of an 8 year charter renewal. (This is the longest period possible.) We will reapply when our renewal is up.
 - School priorities include reducing chronic absenteeism, meeting growth goals on the MAP test, and improving progress made on the WIDA test.
 - <https://tinyurl.com/2zdzb925> Link to budget survey – all input welcome.
- Community Concerns
 - No concerns voiced.
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEIC)
 - Family Academic Night is on February 20th from 5:00-7:00. Families are invited to enjoy arts and crafts, entertainment, scavenger hunt, giveaways, and food.
- Student Outcomes Committee (SOC)/Student Government Association (SGA)
 - Focus on collecting photos for the yearbook.
 - Planning to fund another Talent Show.
- Wellness Committee
 - Upcoming teacher events include fitness classes, candle making, and chili cook off.
- PTO
 - B3 event coming up in the Spring. Tickets will be for sale in March; Volunteers are welcome.
 - Next PTO meeting is February 4th.