

Mingus Union High School

Site Council 2023-2024

Meeting date: October 24, 2023

Location: MUHS Library

Meeting began at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Gee, Principal

Agenda Items

Welcome and introductions were made by Ms. Gee.

II. A-F Letter Grade – Genie Gee, Principal

The A-F Letter Grade is the states grading system for schools. The formula used to calculate the A-F Letter Grade for each school is based on a point system. Some areas high schools are measured in are; academic progress, overall student growth, graduation rate and college and career readiness. Letter grades are released in October of the current year for the previous year results. This year Mingus Union High School increased their score by six points, leaving them in the upper B range. Mingus has room for growth in academic structures moving forward. In the PLC process, teachers and staff are committed to analyzing data and making instructional changes to improve student learning.

III. Accreditation Process – Genie Gee, Principal

This year Mingus is seeking school accreditation with the Cognia company. Cognia is the accreditation company many schools use to obtain accreditation. Due to COVID, it has been seven years since the last accreditation process. Mrs. Gee and the administrative team are currently working on completing paperwork for the accreditation. All information will be submitted by December 1, 2023. Once submitted, the results will come back to the school in two to three months. It was asked if Mingus had looked at any other companies to use for accreditation and if this was just a paper application. Mingus did not look at any other companies, however are open to this suggestion in the future. Currently the process is a paper form. They do feel the best way to show others what wonderful instruction and activities the school is offering is to have an onsite visit unfortunately since COVID paper applications is the platform that Cognia is currently using. Mingus is very open to an onsite visit if requested by the accreditation team.

IV. Safety and Security Update – Katherine Forbes, Dean of Students

New this year is the Anonymous Alerts reporting and buzzer system. The Anonymous Alerts reporting system is used in some of our feeder schools along with other schools across Yavapai county. During Advisory this week a short video and information was given to the students regarding the Anonymous Alert reporting system. This is an anonymous platform where

students, parents or community members can submit secure tips about safety threats, bullying, depression, or self-harm. Videos, screenshots, and photos can be submitted with this program. Ms. Forbes also shared this video with the Site Council. Alerts are sent directly to three selected administrators. Once the alert is reviewed, a course of action is initiated by the administrators. Mingus is hoping this system will become better utilized across the campus and community. For increased campus security and safety after fall break we have implemented a buzzer system. Doors will be locked throughout the day; this will help direct all foot traffic to one entry point on our campus. Mingus will consider certain times during the day when student schedules need to have access to the building.

The Mingus IT department has a comprehensive filtering system that is attached to the school WiFi and student chrome accounts. This filtering system scans for word choice and phrases being searched by students on campus or at home when using their chrome accounts. Alerts are then sent to administrators for review to see if further investigation or intervention services are needed.

An open dialogue regarding the camera, halos systems and restrooms concluded Ms. Forbes' presentation.

Parents present expressed their appreciation for communication sent out and increased school spirit. Ms. Gee also thanked the parents for their participation and asked for other agenda items for the next meeting.

V. Future Agenda Items/Topics

Bell schedule, Social Media

Site Council meetings will take place once per month at 5:15 p.m. in the library. Date for the next meeting is still to be determined. Once set, information will be sent to parents present and posted on the Mingus' social media platforms.

VI. Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

~Bridget Hillman