

Wednesday, October 4

Topic: Introductions

Information/Presentation: Name, Role, Why you're here

Committee Discussion/Input: John White, WC principal / WC Hope Hosier, choir & theater teacher / WC Joanne Roybal, Tech Ed teacher / WC Heidi Cancellieri, counselor / Lori Jones, Lukas teacher / Michele Capra, Meiklejohn teacher / Stefanie Taylor, Witt teacher / Mark Lozano, Meiklejohn 5th grade parent / Shelley Ledall, Lukas 5th grade parent / Samantha Hockenbery, Lukas 6th grade parent / Nancy Fingerhood, Witt 5th grade parent

Next Steps?

Committee Recommendation:

Create on-line form for parents to submit questions or build on the one already created for use at the 5th grade parent meeting on September 13.
Create an online FAQ document before Interest Nights and continue to use after that.

Topic: Dates for Interest Nights

Information/Presentation: Preliminary review of elementary and WC calendars leads to consideration of the final week of November (week after Thanksgiving) on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of that week. ***WC Leadership Advisory Team (LAT) is recommending Tuesday and Thursday.***

Committee Discussion/Input: *Review last year's 6th grade Interest Night presentation.*

Next Steps? At Nov 1 meeting, finalize plans for interest nights.

Committee Recommendation: ***On October 4, committee recommends...***Tues., Nov 28 @ 6:30 for 6th grade and Thur., Nov. 30 @ 6:30 for 5th grade. Briefly talked about some opportunities for incoming students to visit...shadow days, 6th grade only / 7th grade only days, etc

Topic: Consideration of theme for our work with students and families as we make this transition.

Information/Presentation: Consider "6 Months to 6th Grade" for WC Transition Theme. Similar to what Ms. Cancellieri has seen for her child at Westlake MS in Adams 12. Interest nights in late November will be the first event, then others to be determined through end of May 2018. See below.

Committee Discussion/Input: **November:** *5th and 6th Grade Interest Nights.* **December:**
TBD **January:** *Counselors meet with students in 5th and 6th grade classrooms.* **February:**
TBD **March:** **TBD** **April:** **TBD** **May:** **TBD**

Next Steps? Committee will provide final recommendations for both interest night at Nov 1 meeting

Committee Recommendation: ***On October 4, committee recommends...***keep in mind we have two grades transitioning to middle school...don't let incoming 7th graders get lost in the shuffle...perhaps the theme is "6 Months to Middle School?"

Topic: Schedule considerations

Information/Presentation: Information and examples provided by WC principal John White.

Committee Discussion/Input: Questions about whether 6th graders would be isolated from older students; talked about possibility of making green pod into 6th grade pod. Questions about how lunch time will be handed. Discussion about “teaming” and what that looks like on the schedule. Stated that some middle schools team in 6th grade but not in older grades; some team in all grades; some do not team at all.

Next Steps? At Nov 1 meeting, make a recommendation that may be presented on Interest Nights with the understanding that plans for any schedule can't really be made until enrollment numbers are more certain. Those numbers usually become more certain by late February.

Committee Recommendation: Committee would like to know WC staff feeling about a schedule that includes teaming for 6th graders and perhaps for other grades.

Future Agenda Topics:

For Wednesday, November 1:

Plans for Interest Nights

Schedule input, especially consideration of 6th grade teaming (and teaming other grades also).

Building use throughout the day, especially “Where are the 6th graders and who is with them?”

For Later Meetings:

Outdoor Lab

WC visits for students in spring 2018. Summer 2018?

Social-Emotional Learning

First days of school: 6th only day? 7th only day?