

HOS Report  
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5/3/2023

**Admissions**

**Current Enrollment Facts**

- Enrollment is currently at 218. We started the 2022-2023 school year at 226.
- **13 students have dis-enrolled since September of 2022**
  - 3 were before Oct. 31
  - 1 in Nov.
  - 3 in Dec
  - 3 in Feb
  - 2 in March
- **Stated reasons for dis-enrollment:**  
**Summary:**
  - 3 students for commute issues
  - 2 students moved (one out of state, one out of the country)
  - 3 needed more intensive special education services
  - 3 returned to Marblehead Public schools
  - 1 student indicated the school was not a good fit socially
  - 1 unknown reason
- 2023-2024 Enrollment Data: Enrollment is **projected between 208-215** as of 5/3/2023

2023-2024 Enrollment	Indicated "YES" on Intent to return
4th	37 acceptances, 2 offers out (expected to get to 48 with second lottery)
5th	43 (expected to get to 50 due to wait list)
6th	48 (expected to get to 50 due to wait list)
7th	34
8th	29
Total	<b>154 "Yes" on intent to return</b>

- **Comparison between May of 2022 and May of 2023:**
  - During the 2021-2022 school year 19 students dis-enrolled. As of today's date, 13 students have disenrolled.
  - At the end of the 2021-2022 school year a total of 50 students disenrolled, in addition to the departure of 33 graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders, **for a total of 83 students.**
  - As of today's date, we have 26 students indicating that they will not return, in addition to the departure of 39 8th graders **for a total of 65 students.**

### **Staffing and Hiring**

Contract meetings began this week and will extend into next week. A staff contract template for the 2023-2024 meeting has been finalized.

*Expected and posted vacancies:*

- **Director of Student Services**
  - 11 Applicants
  - 3 interviews have been conducted. One candidate was offered the position and declined due to salary considerations (seeking a salary of \$120,000); one candidate accepted a director position with another district.
  - A candidate interviewed on 5/1/2023 has been invited back for a meet and greet on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:45am to 9:45am.
- **Human Resources Manager** (position expected to be restructured)
- **Admissions Coordinator** (position expected to be restructured)
- **4<sup>th</sup> grade Humanities**
  - Posted on 5/2/2023, no applicants as of yet
- **School Adjustment Counselor**
  - Vacancy posted on 4/25/2023
  - Interviews have not yet begun.
  - 13 candidates have applied
- **4<sup>th</sup> grade special education liaison**
  - 1 applicant
- **8<sup>th</sup> grade math/science** (retirement)
  - Science was posted on 2/7/2023; we received 3 applications; none were chosen for interviews.
  - Science was re-posted 3/8/2023; 2 applications were received; one candidate was interviewed—she accepted a position in another district.
  - Math was posted on March 8<sup>th</sup>- 4 candidates applied and none were chosen for interviews.
  - Math/Science was reposted on 5/2/2023-1 application has been received.
- **Art** (retirement)
  - 6 interviews have been conducted; an offer has not yet been made (2 internal candidates, 4 external candidates)

### **Upcoming Events**

5/7/2023	Entrepreneurial Fair 10am to 1pm
5/8& 5/9	5th & 8th Grade SCIENCE MCAS
5/11/23	Black Hole Symphony Guest Appearance (2:15-3:20pm)
5/12/23	5th Grade to Museum of Science
5/12/23	7/8 Semi-Formal
5/22-5/26	Nature's Classroom - 6th Grade
5/22-5/26	8th Grade "Senior Week" Trips
6/2/2023	Faculty vs. 8 <sup>th</sup> grade kickball game and cookout
6/1 - 6/3	Theatre Performances
6/5/23	Music Extravaganza
6/8/23	4th Grade Field Trip to Salem to the Peabody Essex Museum
6/9/23	Canobie Lake Field Trip
6/14/23	Exhibition 6-8pm (One night for All Grades)
6/15/23	Exhibition 2 (half day)
6/15/23	Last Day of School Celebration (with special guest performance)
6/15/23	Graduation (to take place at Abbott Hall)

### **Misc. Updates**

Staff was treated to an amazing lunch from the PTO today in recognition of the Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you!

MCCPS was awarded **TWO** awards from the Friends of Marblehead Public Schools:

- \$7500 Grant for 2023-2023 from the Friends of Marblehead Public Schools. The grant was written by 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science teacher Mary Buckley to support a unit in the new science curriculum (PLTW Launch) on Robotics and Automation. With the grant money, we will be purchasing 15 VEX IQ Robot Kits. This unit is an effective way to teach problem solving, perseverance, cooperation, and the engineering design process. The kits will also be used to teach an enrichment class and could be utilized in a STEM lab.
- \$930 to partially fund a 45-minute presentation titled “Hip Hop Promotes Positivity!” The presentation will focus on ways that dance, specifically hip hop, can be used to promote themes of respect.

Front office manager Meg Upton has secured funding that will allow The Black Hole Symphony to perform for the school community on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> during our enrichment block. The performance will be a symphonic journey through spacetime, performed by a live chamber orchestra (3 Musicians) with immersive visuals. The conductor David Ibbett has composed an electro-symphonic score by transcribing data from the light emitted by black holes into musical notes and chords to create an experience of music and art, derived from science.

## **MCCPS Instructional Leadership Team Updates**

Between now and the close of the school year:

The team is working with staff during Department Meetings and team planning time to support our June 2023 Exhibition community building event that showcases student learning at our June exhibition. The focus of this work includes:

- Exhibition Logistics
- Designing "Anatomy of an Exhibition Project"
- Exhibition Booklets

*Identified focus for Professional Development for the 2023-2024 School Year:*

The overarching goal for Professional Development for next year will be to develop and implement a rigorous curriculum at every grade level that is aligned to the State Standards and our Criteria for Excellence so that our learners at the end of the 5-year MCCPS experience demonstrate the skills and content knowledge to be successful in high school and beyond.

Key Topics for 2023-2024 Professional Development:

- Planning for Project Based Learning & Exhibitions
- Project Validation and Performance Assessment
- Daily Instructional Practices
- Student-Led Conferences
- Portfolios
- Grading & Assessment
- Aligning Assessment to Grade Level Standards

I am in the process of putting together a framework as it relates to the Leadership needs at MCCPS to support the successful operation of school and move teaching and learning forward for the 2023-2024 school year.

I have been notified that a complaint was filed with DESE on 4/28/2023 as it related to the community meeting presentation on Transgender Day of Visibility.

There are approximately 23 special education meetings left to be facilitated between now and the end of the school year.

Transition meetings between MCCPS and the Brown School (for students who will be coming to MCCPS) will take place tomorrow 5/4/2023 via Zoom.

