

**Mason Public Schools
Board of Education
Community & Staff Relations Committee Meeting
October 17, 2016**

A Community and Staff Relations Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday, October 17, 2016. Becky Brimley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Present: Becky Brimley, Laura Fenger

Absent: Kurt Creamer

Also Present: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent, Rick Brooks, Human Resources Director

2016-17 STAFFING UPDATE

Rick Brooks presented a staffing update.

PLC/LATE START WEDNESDAY'S UPDATE

Rick Brooks updated the committee on Late Start Wednesdays. Student programming options for all buildings were shared with the committee. Approximately 70 – 100 students attend the program at each building.

Professional Development on Professional Learning Communities occurred on Monday, October 10, 2016. Superintendent Drzewicki briefed the team. The PD was positively received by staff.

DART FOUNDATION

Ron presented information on available Dart Foundation grants. The committee discussed quarterly community school grants up to \$5,000 available from the Foundation. Grants are awarded one per building, per year. Buildings are completing grant applications to purchase Chromebooks and carts. The district is eligible for a “Next Level” grant with a value of \$500,000.

SUBSTITUTES

Rick Brooks updated the committee on substitute teacher shortages. The district averages 12 or more substitute teachers per day and our fill rate remains a challenge. Rick presented a plan to hire four long-term “floater” subs for the remainder of the year. The floater sub will be paid at a higher rate and be available to fill last minute vacancies. The floater sub will report to the district every day.

The committee discussed School Study Committee building options.

SET PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting agenda will include communication plan, School Study Committee update and substitutes update.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 4:15 p.m.