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1	Strategic Planning Community Meeting Feedback
2	October 5, 2016
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4	<i>Finances</i>
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6	Finances: What we are doing well
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8	Academics are improving with course offerings and still accumulating "savings"
9	Grant writers
10	We want all day K, middle school teaming, band/orchestra back at elementary
11	More enrichment opportunities for elementary
12	1) Continued growth of visual/performing arts funding; 2) continued growth (expedited) of 21st century programming*DL, STEM, P21, Coding 1:1; 3) review tech replacement, i.e. smartboard (chromecast)
13	I feel the district is being fiscally responsible at this time. Bringing the middle school concept back.
14	If there is going to be a pay-to-play need, keep the cap so that families can participate.
15	Spending for classroom tools seems fantastic since kids have access to tablets and computers.
16	Good job working within budget; good job returning transparency to financial picture; good that we have sales tax for capital improvements.
17	Keeping status quo with finances/maintaining money/increasing budget
18	Stayed true to levy promise on staffing.
19	Great. Sales tax - utilize for maintenance.
20	I like the 5-year forecast looking good for the 5th year, but would like to keep the timing of next levy 2018 renewed.
21	Great. \$\$\$\$ Spending \$ on building maintenance; teacher buy-out
22	Be sure to be transparent with the spending; have a clear plan with future goals that are tangible to tax payers.
23	We draw strong talent because of teacher salaries.
24	Keep current services, add more if available with levy renewal.
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26	Finances: What we are doing okay
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28	Are we able to maintain current course offerings without the levy? Concern is we aren't ahead if we always need another levy.
29	If we eliminate pay-to-play, the request amount on the levy must go up. It makes more sense to families to roll pay-to-play into taxes.
30	Technology budget - communication tools have improved, but community may not feel as if they are getting enough. Consistency is an issue. Too many different systems.

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31	1) Review of possible co-op program with local businesses; 2) Develop fundraising efforts for specific pay-to-play funding.
32	I feel pay-to-play could be reduced or eliminated.
33	Look at what we can do with a future levy.
34	Replacing that emergency levy fund.
35	Pay-to-play; however, adjusting the cost (making it lower). Levy renewal
36	\$\$\$ Improve; Enrollment numbers at elementary schools are low??
37	Pay-to-participate - reevaluate what does the \$\$ go towards? Inequitable use of facilities but equal cost for pay-to-participate.
38	Paying for full-day kindergarten; Why lottery? No busing for kids having to go to non-home school; Latchkey
39	Amend pay-to-participate for a family cap.
40	Air conditioning in Canavan, Fenn, etc.; Limited fundraisers, more impactful, consistency; School fees, honors classes - too much value!?
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42	Finances: What we should discontinue
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44	Stop the testing, what is the cost to schools?
45	1) I personally helped for levy. I have been disappointed in the lack of programs once passed. 2) If you put a levy on in next two years, it will fail. 3) This district still needs to push transparency.
46	Bring buildings into 2016! Air conditioning at Fenn & Claggett. Should be a mandatory facilities improvement.
47	More focus on academic learning facilities rather than sports facilities.
48	Cut non-essential languages and focus on more 21st century (mandarin, arabic), coding as a foreign language
49	Don't wait until the levy is almost up to reach out to the community and ask for support.
50	Need to look at pay-to-play, remove or eliminate.
51	Pay-to-play is cumbersome for some families.
52	Stop = Doing = \$\$\$
53	Programing at MHS. Students need to be in school more than 3 or 4 periods per day.
54	When we describe us as having \$50mil to the good. It gives people false hope. Think we have tons of money & not doing anything with it.
55	1) MCSD has 1,700 vendors - streamlining is suggested, 2) MCSD has loans to Bank of New York are these competitive?, 3) Staff ratio is 35% of all MCSD staffing, 4) per dollar invested does not yield "EXCELLENT" school ratings
56	Are we not hiring more teaching/support staff because the union packages are too generous? Look what happens to district/states that eliminate unions.
57	Stop short-changing gifted and talented services. Stop holding off on fixed asset improvements. Use any surplus for facility improvements.
58	Use funds to hire full time gifted teachers.
59	Reduce class size below 25. Hire enough teachers.
60	Pay-to-play, need more technology, latch-key programs
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62	Facilities
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64	Facilities: What we are doing well

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66	5/6 building; 7/8 building
67	Good stewards of capital improvement funds; Prioritizing
68	Thank you for repaving!
69	Very pleased with the way projects were prioritized and \$ spent on capital improvements.
70	We do a good job managing facilities using sales tax money.
71	We have done a great job maintaining our facilities.
72	Great! Maintaining the buildings/upkeep
73	Great! Sales tax funding! Improvements regarding security/entranceways
74	Great! Continue sales tax for building improvements.
75	Really like that the buildings all seem to keep their original architecture and gives that feeling of ownership to individual schools. It doesn't seem like any school gets more than the other.
76	Keep busing - but improve grouchy bus drivers.
77	Facillities committee doing well. Liked upgrades for this year.
78	Our custodial staff does a fabulous job making our buildings shine.
79	Great job! No complaints with your section. Keep it simple.
80	Facilities is great! However, some of the grounds around the schools could be maintained a little better: entrance to high school and Root Middle
81	Continue to maintain Garfield to keep it a working and safe building.
82	Facillities are well maintained. District fosters volunteers to help maintain schools.
83	Love the Blackboard App!
84	Maintaining Garfield - it is a gem in the community!
85	Technology infrastructure is on the right path.
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89	Structural design of our roofing (leaking)
90	A/C for Claggett, Fenn, Canavan
91	Leaking roofs...consider creating a slope to prevent water pooling on flat roofs.
92	Building or redoing facilities that may cost more but hold up in long run.
93	Put Air Conditioning in ALL Schools!!! With low enrollment in 5 of 7 elementary schools, you need to close Garfield - the most expensive
94	Painting at Garfield; Pavement of playground; New cameras - surveillance; Upgrades @ Garfield
95	Blackboard online. It keeps going down. All teachers should be up-to-date on it. Make computers and coding a priority.
96	Explore increased use of all buildings. Could facilities be rented out? Ex. Local universities using buildings to offer classes.
97	Need to figure out how to get input from community without giving false hope.
98	Update tennis courts to be able to host more events. Drop off safety - allowing kids into the buildings at drop off to be safer for the students. Should be allowed in cafeteria
99	Change scheduling so students who are in band can go to career center and not have to choose between the two
100	Clean wall pads in cafeteria or remove

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101	Make repair and maintenance a priority for the district to avoid large costs later. Inform public how projects are prioritized.
102	Proactively communicating justification for facility upgrades to avoid community upset
103	More clarity is needed for partnership/donations - advertising/marketing of funding sources. Why are we keeping mods @ Claggett? Seems like kids could fit in the building.
104	Building partnerships with community members/business is a slippery slope. REC center seems \$ lost. Does each building have a "honey do" list? Things that need fixed?
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106	Facilities: What we should discontinue
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108	Need improvement in keeping high school grounds trash free. Engage clubs or athletes who use track, football fields, etc.
109	Remodeling parts of Claggett
110	Do we need to look at window replacement to insure maximum energy efficiency; better litter control
111	Use sales tax to fix leaking, broken doors in all 4 of high school art rooms - unsafe; More security cameras in high school halls
112	Stop improving sports programs instead of improving education.
113	A/C is just a 4 week problem - don't prioritize it over needed upgrades
114	Need to end the "open building" concept @ Heritage. 50's concept that staff and students adapt to overcome
115	No air in all Medina buildings
116	Close 1-2 elementary schools and do staggered scheduling (i.e. ?? school weeks to save money); is it worth the added expense to update?
117	Get rid of the trailer at Claggett and add another wing to the main building.
118	Make an investment in buildings without A/C to be more temperate and energy efficient in terms of A/C & heat. (i.e. how efficient for A/C in Fenn's gym to be spread throughout entire building).
119	Claggett seems to be musty a lot. Facilities, cafeteria tables, student desks in most schools are dirty. Have custodian CLEAN!!
120	Claggett's bathrooms need updated - no doors on some bathroom stalls etc. (safety issues)
121	If you aren't putting AC in Claggett, start school later!!
122	Hire or subcontract a logistics person who can route buses more efficiently. Three to four buses drive through our neighborhood simultaneously.
123	Crossing guards needed at pick-up/drop-off. A/C is needed in some schools. Refill water stations. Support for outside maintenance - paint, grass (subcontract). Rely on PTO's to assist!
124	Mold under carpeting at Fenn?
125	Stop putting athletic needs over building needs. Claggett & Fenn need air!
126	Are buildings up to code? Seems like air conditioning units could be supported if building was up to code.
127	Move the school year to a period that is cheaper for facility operation (September-June)
128	Stop accepting large donations for athletic facilities to make them "the best." It is ok to have average - it looks bad when we have a levy on the ballot as community doesn't always know that money was donated.
129	Invest in our buildings and buses and not in our sporting facilities/fields.
130	Prioritize academic learning spaces over sports facilities.
131	Air conditioning @ Fenn & Claggett! How can this be acceptable in 21st century?
132	Air in Claggett. In Fenn MUST be a priority.
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134	Student - Academics, Extra-curricular

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136	Student - Academics, Extra-curricular - What we are doing well
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138	Visit current legislation on truancy bill currently in senate. Within bill see guidelines on educational process for student suspension. Coursework during suspension should be required - not withheld as per MHS policy. Consider alternate punishments - community work.
139	Could an alternative to detention be students picking up trash on the grounds. Our high school campus is suffering from litter everywhere.
140	Increase the number of elective classes at the high school.
141	Reading intervention and counselors @ the elementary were great priorities!
142	Keep and improve electives, encore and student support.
143	Keep additional guidance counseling
144	The PAC is a phenomenal resource. Are we using it to its fullest potential?
145	Love additional reading intervention
146	MCPALS is awesome!
147	Love, love, love the math (freshman) help class. My daughter has benefitted so much. Keep it!! Add more students if possible.
148	Intervention program at Blake is really nice. It is working well for us.
149	All day kindergarten for all. Middle school teaming back.
150	Add an autism unit in the district. Add a behavior unit on south side.
151	I have a daughter on an IEP and I feel that MCS has done a great job helping her.
152	Keep 1/2 day kindergarten as is and full day as a pay option.
153	Bowman House and Evolve Academy are good programs. Love what you do at the Juvenile Detention Facility.
154	Thank you for ACT prep class (possibly incorporate SAT prep and how to apply to college)
155	Pay to play is appropriate. It is a choice, extra. Maybe a low income discount?
156	Like what we brought back with levy (exception: bussing - don't need)
157	Keep adding electives. Make them very diverse - like independent study vs. a study hall; Year-long gym, art, music classes needed.
158	Keep college courses @ high school and encore at each building. Offer gifted, but make gifted teachers more coaches to regular education to bump up rigor of instruction and opportunities for gifted and general education curriculum
159	Keep professional development for staff
160	Bringing back electives
161	Electives brought back
162	Good that we added curriculum, bigger emphasis on foreign language. No three study hall schedules
163	Encore full-year in elementary; Electives in middle and high school
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165	Student - Academics, Extra-curricular - What we are doing okay
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167	Implement project based learning in more grades by more teachers
168	Project based learning should be offered to all children.
169	Guidance counselors - need full time in each building
170	Gifted-style, project based learning should be available to all students.

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171	Gifted placement seems too limited and yet gifted programming needs to be expanded for all students.
172	Continue implementing math curriculum focused on real-life problem solving. Project based learning where they are confronted with a math problem from a real life perspective & figure out how to solve it.
173	Video lectures online for math would benefit both students and parents.
174	More classes - eliminate late start & early release to promote community and school spirit
175	Start foreign language in kindergarten!
176	Consider having parents and students giving input into possible curriculum change.
177	The science and social studies curriculum in the elementary is weak! Hardly any materials covered.
178	While individual personalities and culture of each building is important, curriculum needs to be consistent. Elementary buildings should be providing similar curriculums and opportunities for every student in the district. Students from Garfield should be able to go to Waite and not miss a beat.
179	Need more gifted services and opportunities for elementary age students. Gifted instructors should be working together, not following the whims of individual principals. Enrichment services for all students is different than gifted services.
180	Bring back drama as a curricular program
181	Continue to increase program opportunities for students. Great schools attract great people and build a great community.
182	More academic contests - honor the winners - city wide.
183	Increase the number of elective classes at the high school.
184	Band for 5th grade; orchestra for 4th/5th grade; all day kindergarten for free; redistrict the 7 elementary buildings and look at grade level buildings; STEM - what is the purpose?
185	Are teacher development resources managed and accountable? Please add more middle school extra-curricular activities (kids slipping through
186	Continue to solve the emotional/social needs of our students/counselors
187	Gifted education - more services and counseling/bonding time with other gifted kids
188	Make more foreign languages available at middle school level (and possibly intro to 5th grade? maybe gifted levels?)
189	Graded on timed tests...Can you take out the timed portion for basic math to avoid anxiety in children? More recess
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191	Student - Academics, Extra-curricular - What we should discontinue
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193	Allow students who signed up for the foreign language class to take the class. Please don't cap any foreign language class. Offer 8th grade students Chinese 1, Latin 1 and ASL 1. Maybe bus students to the HS? Highland buses their 8th graders to HS for Chinese 1 at least. So that all students will have the option to take 5 years of a language. Separate Chinese 3 and 4 as the class is getting close to 30. It will be more beneficial for students to have a smaller class instead of a big combined class. Have four teachers to teach the 8th grade Intro to HS foreign language class. For example, a
194	Teachers need training in inquiry-based/differentiation
195	Funded full day kindergarten
196	Athletic cost and co-curricular are too costly. Especially when "mandated Boosters fees" in addition to school fees.
197	CMP math is not going well.
198	Free all day kindergarten would be a great addition.
199	There seems to be a gap between the education of the kids and the "results" of state testing. Testing isn't working.
200	Paying for all day kindergarten - really rough for our family financially. Is there any way to pay monthly instead of one lump sum 3 times?!?
201	Gifted programs should be used/offered in the elementary (1st grade and up). Bored students get into trouble, challenge them.
202	There are not nearly enough academic classes for high schools. There should not be an early release or a late start for any child.

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203	"Rock the test" Bull, get rid of this entire program. Parc testing is killing our kids. No Parc testing. Get rid of it. This is the largest problem in the district. We now only teach to the state test. The classes at high school are poor. Sign language is not a foreign language.
204	The class sizes at Waite can be too high, which makes it difficult to reach the needs of all students.
205	Bring back personal finance to MHS!
206	There needs to be a component of accountability with teachers, students and parents. Teacher evaluations from parents/students. Terrible teachers stay on year after year.
207	There needs to be a better understanding of the needs of high IQ kids. High IQ doesn't mean or shouldn't mean loads more homework and summer
208	CPM - this math is not effective. Hardly any material is covered. The students are not learning. Everyone gets an "A" but no one has learned anything
209	Foreign language - why is a district this size only offering 3 languages? Sign language is not a foreign language. Should never be offered as one (It's an elective). Mandarin should be brought back full time - offered at middle school. Stop testing to the test!
210	Low income need to have more push to CCP.
211	Wish we had built in tutoring from K-12. High school serviced well, but there are so many that fall through gaps. Maybe community mentors and tutors, not just ACE.
212	Help kids who are falling through the cracks. How to apply to college options other than college - hook up internships in community, personal finance, how to get/keep a job.
213	Continue to add programming at MHS. Students should be in school more than 3 periods.
214	Stay away from online classes. Students need teachers. Teachers need students. Face-to-face interaction!!
215	Need more AP/IB programming at high school and middle school
216	Greatly improve IP. Follow up with parents. I consistently need to ??? on the school for what is legally required. Make textbook type resources available for parents and students. Allow more communication between teacher and parents - and make sure the teacher is rewarded for it.
217	Revisit homework/purpose of homework. Media center? What is the need?
218	Pay for kindergarten
219	Gifted services for our students
220	Need more guidance counselors; bigger emphasis on mental health issues in school; need to implement code of ethics documents for all coaches
221	Common Core - find a way to circumvent it and begin teaching math in logical manners.
222	Would like more experiential learning - field trips beyond the square. Cleveland Orchestra, etc.
223	Foreign languages - more classes; reduce price for advanced placements.
224	Go back to regular math taught in the 70's, 80's & 90's. Common core is even difficult for us parents.
225	\$ invested vs. rate achieved; Common Core vs. common sense: an index card is not enough
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227	Community Engagement
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229	Community Engagement - What we are doing well
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231	The Blackboard app is amazing! The website is going to be amazing! The Remind app is great!
232	Love the Blackboard app
233	I think MCSD does a great job of getting important information out to families.
234	Outreach to Main Street Medina, businesses, Chamber of Commerce - GREAT!
235	Adding Medina City Schools to social media is great! Thank you!

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236	My child is at Blake. The text messages from the school is great. I like the Facebook contact.
237	All of the different social media avenues to receive information.
238	Good that we are redeveloping the website. Good that we have the app.
239	Twitter/Facebook presence; Blackboard mobile app
240	New user-friendly website
241	Great - Love the parent app! Love Pay For It! (fees/lunch) Like the new website. Love - new texting
242	I like the use of Google Docs for kids work.
243	Nice, new website and app
244	I like the mobile app. It's user friendly.
245	Like Bee Informed online - email. Thank you!
246	Love the app. Looking forward to new website launch.
247	Social media outreach
248	Major improvement from 5 years ago.
249	We appreciate the multiple venues of communication (Twitter, FB, flyers, email, Remind)
250	Social media outreach has been great for this; topic based discussions are a draw
251	Bee Informed emailed; one call (TeamCare); texting; parent/teacher communication - although this varies by teacher; Remind
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253	Community Engagement - What we are doing okay
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255	Are we contracting out for any communications of any kind?
256	When teachers send out test/homework reminders - include the grade level so parents with multiple children know who it is in regards to.
257	I'd really like to see (especially for the high school) more involved with Main Street Medina. Put the kids in the public and make them proud of their
258	There might be some benefit to more communication/education for blackboard. It's a little difficult to navigate if you're new.
259	Making sure everyone gets the one call now information (sometimes parents call and have not received the info).
260	Need to keep sending out info via multiple forms
261	What about help for the next levy campaign?
262	Post Articles
263	Hope that Aaron & Amy find a good balance with communications regarding: Use Amy (Dave didn't)
264	It's frustrating to have the community hear district information before staff members.
265	Inform people/community how to sign up for school communications (i.e. Board notices, Bee Informed, one call now as necessary). Flyers to reach
266	How do parents obtain information and resources in Blackboard that is not specific to their school or grade?
267	Try to communicate what the schools are doing, more specifically when decisions are made, what was decided, and why it was decided or changed.
268	I think Elementary School PTO's could be partnering more and working together - more collaboration; community meetings are helping; give PTO's a district agenda for discussion or show up to PTO meetings as guest speakers to get feedback.
269	Teachers need to update Blackboard weekly; Parent/Teacher conferences need to be more than once a year; Inconsistency with teachers texting
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271	Community Engagement - What we need to discontinue
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273	Get rid of Flyer Central

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274	Get rid of Flyer Central and send things home again.
275	Sometimes we have to go to where parents are instead of waiting for parents to look for information online.
276	I have teachers publish assignments using: Twitter, Blackboard classroom info, Blackboard assignments, Google Docs (usually student sign-in only), external school book publisher website. That is too hard!
277	Google Chrome - get rid of it!
278	Blackboard was a pain to work with this year.
279	School board needs to be more transparent with communications.
280	Extra large/color poster in all the buildings
281	Color printing of brochures and flyers
282	Use Facebook and Twitter more often - and more candid. Fix Blackboard! It's not secure now. Cafeteria fund is a rip off - is there another way? Simplify your website - make it more user friendly to add ideas than an index card.
283	All clubs, tryouts, meetings, etc. should be posted in the official MHS website. Not just Twitter or instagram or messages through students. Opportunities and equality are lax if kids don't tweet, etc. Facilitators and leaders should update opportunities, meetings, etc. There should be a central communications coordination place. Not all mediums for everything at LEAST on website.
284	Need to have a social media coordinator
285	Need more outreach to families who do not have kids in the district
286	We need more curriculum meetings and ways to understand it. Need tutoring resources. Website should give FAQ's on district wide learning and ways to help support students and staff.
287	Blackboard use is not consistently used by staff. Would be helpful to all to use Remind or something similar.