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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont Schools Welcomes Administrator Exchange with China

During the week of November 14, Mariemont City Schools hosted a special visitor in its schools – exchanging educational ideas and cultures.

Mr. Liu Xiang, a principal at the Huanggang School in the Hubei province of China, toured classrooms in all four district schools, visiting with students, teachers and administrators. The visit was part of the U.S.-China Administrator Shadowing Project which offers school administrators the unique opportunity to learn about each other's education systems and practices – up close. The project is sponsored by The China Exchange Initiative whose mission is “to promote expansion of exchange relationships between elementary, middle and high schools in America and China”.

The Huanggang School is a prominent secondary school in China serving over 4000 students with over 380 faculty members. The multi-award winning school is widely considered to be among the best of the best in China. Its faculty members author textbooks and course materials utilized across the nation.

Mr. Liu's time in Mariemont Schools began with a welcome ceremony at the high school complete with a string chamber ensemble performance and presentations of gifts from district support organizations - including a key to the Village of Mariemont from Mayor Dan Policastro.

Traveling to each Mariemont school, Mr. Liu was able to gain an overview of teaching practices and content, technology uses, classroom materials, as well as extracurricular offerings.

Both schools are enthusiastic about developing an ongoing relationship between the faculties and students of the two high schools.



Photos

MCSMrLiuVisit1: At Mariemont High School (MHS) Mr. Liu was welcomed by students, administrators and friends of the district: Jim Renner (MHS principal), Dan Policastro (Mariemont mayor), Molly Stewart (MHS PTO president), Wendy McCracken (Mariemont School Foundation president), Dee Walter (Mariemont Board of Education president), Mr. Liu Xiang (Huanggang Middle School vice principal), Paul Imhoff (Mariemont Schools superintendent) and Tong Yau (interpreter).



MCSMr.LiuDigVid: During his visit to Mariemont High School, Mr. Liu enjoyed observing projects in a digital video production class.



MCSMrLiuTP2ipad: At Terrace Park Elementary, Mr. Liu was given a demonstration of how iPads are being piloted in the second grade for writing, illustrating and recording students' stories. Mr. Liu is accompanied by Terrace Park Elementary principal, Linda Lee as well as his interpreter, Carrie.