

School Council Meeting May 3, 2018

1. School Improvement Plan, 2018-2019 -- Vote

- Cissy (via email) suggested putting information about School Council in the SIP.
- School Council needs to be better “advertised” so that more people are aware of it and the role they could play in it.
- Angie added a chart for progress monitoring. The one she put in was for the fall, she will copy it for the spring.
- Kerry’s and Cissy’s ideas about school safety have been added to the SIP.
- Money has been added to the budget for speakers to come in to address concerns about school safety.
- Mary suggested bringing up School Council at a high school level meeting so more teachers are aware.
- Plans are in place to have a coffee for each level; Kerry suggested more people would come if they knew the subjects discussed would include next year’s changes and staff assignments.

2. Student and Family Handbook Revisions

a. Feedback?

- A parent asked Mary about prom protocols and Mary said it was in the Handbook; some teachers don’t know that it’s in there.
- It was agreed that the section on the prom should include the fact that students must be picked up within a half hour of the end of the event.
- This is in there in regards to dismissal but can be added to the events policy.
- When the prom is announced, an email can go out to all students with this reminder.

b. Visitor policy - not in the handbook, but visitors can’t come and hang out during a school day. These tend to be ex-students who want to visit prior teachers and friends. Angie would like to see it put in the Handbook that this kind of spontaneous visit is not allowed as it disrupts classes.

c. Truancy policy - a new detailed policy was distributed; Angie asked if this should go into the Handbook.

- It was agreed that the policy should go in the Handbook.
- One big issue is students arriving late who are supposed to be in Art (lower levels) or PE and need to be brought over to 104 by an adult (teacher or parent); parents should be given a note from the front desk saying that the student is tardy (or being dismissed), with Karen’s name,

the date and time, so the teacher releasing the student knows that the front desk is aware.

d. Joe wrote a policy about social media, making general policies more specific, particularly in regards to any behavior that disrupts the learning environment. This is particularly an issue in middle school.

e. Bullying policy -will be brought up again.

3. The parent survey was discussed; it seemed mostly positive. Communication to families has improved and is currently a focus of administration.
4. Student rep attendance at School Council and Board of Trustees was brought up; having members who can no longer attend meetings officially announce it so they can be replaced. Some ideas for recruiting parents who would be great on either board were brought up.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55

Attending:

Angie Pepin
Krista Cafourek
June Fontaine
Nora Broderick
Mary Carter
Kerry Griffin
Bobby Thacker
Karen Boyle