

School Council

Meeting

March 7, 2019

Meeting commenced at 3:32

1. 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan

- Angie explained her handouts about proposed goals.
- Pre-AP courses are being proposed for next year.
- Required and available science courses were also discussed.
- Still not enough K-4 Social Studies time currently; Angie is working with John Toland and Kristen Mullin-Connolly about this for next year.
- Civics projects will be looked into.
- Project UN was suggested by Geoff as a good option for middle school.
- Pathways for making best choices for pre-college courses were brought up.
- The ELL curriculum development focus is going to be on grades 5-12 next year.
- Attendance will be a focus for next year; Check and Connect looks like a great program that we are looking into.
- More afterschool programming is being researched, and we are working with the Y on grades 5 through 8
- Communicating with families about student schedules could help parents understand that tardy students are missing instruction time.
- Cissy handed out a sheet on parent involvement she would like to see worked on by either School Council or another group.
- Geoff is still working on connecting with Line Bridge, an organization that helps with translating documents into our families' languages.
- Joe suggested putting more restorative justice practices into the SIP.

2. Student and Family Handbook 2019-2020

- Angie discussed putting information about restorative justice in the Handbook, at least to let families know that we are starting to work with it.
- Cissy suggested linking academic consequences with discipline issues.
- The Code of Conduct could be looked at all next year to see what should be changed or updated.
- Laurie suggested more reminders to the families to read the weekly Update; it was suggested we use Facebook, Twitter, and other social media, as well as walking the dismissal line with handouts, etc.
- Cissy suggested getting a parent volunteer to work regularly on our social media communications.
- Geoff suggested email communication contain "headlines" that link to stories people are interested in reading.

3. Parent Engagement Update

- The current participants in the group (four!) have come up with many ideas to reach out to parents.
- Some parents feel that their feedback is unwelcome because there is no option to comment on the family survey. The reason why this is the case was not communicated.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Attending:

Angie Pepin

Krista Cafourek

Laurie Dannison

Joe Kay

Mary Carter

Karen Boyle

Caroline Boyle

Cissy White

Geoff Peterson

Kai Schildmeier