

School Council Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023 6:30-7:30pm

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
 - a) Membership: one voting parent/guardian per grade
 - *Forty-five parents expressed interest in participating in School Council this year by responding to the survey in September.*
 - *Key to have representatives from all stakeholder groups.*
 - *Parents attending this meeting represent every Level.*
 - *More faculty members are needed. Rowena will speak to colleagues. Angie will ask FASA for other members*
 - b) Process
 - *If the numbers are too large we will put membership out to a vote to the parent community to have one parent from each grade level. School Council is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.*
 - *Usually the Parents Association would elect members*
 - c) Minutes
 - *The timing for School Council meetings has shifted to the evenings in response to the survey data. This means that the Council no longer has a staff member who is able to attend to take minutes. Angie asked for volunteers to take turns taking minutes at subsequent meetings. Second Wednesday of each month*
- 2) What is School Council?
 - a) Education Reform Act of 1993
 - *Parent voice in school reform*
 - *Charter schools were also created at this time*
 - *School Council is legally required, though how it functions is up to local control*
 - b) [Responsibilities of School Councils](#)
 - *School Council's primary responsibility is creating and supervising the School Improvement Plan*
 - *Must approve changes to the Student and Family Handbook*
 - *Review of the budget in how it relates to the SIP*
 - c) [School Council Q&A](#)
 - d) Parent Co-Chair
 - *Need a co-chair, email Angie if interested*
- 3) [School Improvement Plan](#)
 - a) Review
 - *Discussed the purpose of the School Improvement Plan*
 - *Discussed important additions from last year: afterschool enrichment, math intervention*
 - b) Progress to Date
 - *Review of academic goals*

- *Will continue to review as the year progresses*
- c) Plan Moving Forward/Homework
 - *Reach out to stakeholders to get feedback for SIP*

4) New Business

In Attendance:

Angie Pepin

Rowena Samuels

Jamie Allen

Ann Mantil

Rianna Allen-Charles

Hanish Patel

Ted Muir

Rachel Brodeur

Phuong Phan

Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst

Amanda Melone

Malaka Mims

Latifah Gomes White

Darline Cadet