



School Governance Council Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Time: 5:30PM – 7:00PM

Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School (280 Plainfield Street)

Minutes

I. Welcome

- a. Attendees: K. Kilbourn, B. Lumpris, A. Clark, M. Schulman, F. Spaeth, M. Byroade, L. Harrison, E. Jimenez, P. Bray, N. Poplin

II. Approval of September minutes

Approved- 5:41

III. Update on Dual Language program

- a. Talks with Tim Nee and other Montessori Schools that have it
- b. Who do we have on staff to create opportunity?
- c. Do we use specials time exploratory?
- d. Guiding questions-
 - i. How many AFM guides fluent in Spanish? 1 plus PE
 - ii. Assistants? 0
 - iii. Support staff- 3
 - iv. Students EL- 17 (Spanish dominant 9)
 - v. Guides cert in TESOL? 0
 - vi. What does conversational Spanish look like in class?
 - 1. PE- counts, days of week, verbs (stop, start, run, walk, etc)
 - 2. Upper El classroom- Lessons, directions, lunch

- e. Thoughts of moving forward
 - i. PE- completely taught in Spanish
 - ii. Pledge in both English and Spanish
 - iii. Hallways conversations
 - iv. If know they are only going to be spoken to in Spanish and expected to respond in Spanish they will be motivated.
 - v. Parent component- exposure by presentations or being present in class to only speak Spanish
 - vi. Labels around school in both languages
 - vii. These ideas are a good start but for dual language program there are specific guidelines to follow

IV. Update from SGC workgroup

a. SIP process

i. Literacy

1. Additions made to SMART Goal- see 2nd two bullets
2. Additions to approaches and strategies- Data Dive, DRA,
3. Recommendations-
 - a. target goal- “small group reading” is not language used in Montessori lessons
 - b. Target goal- should and teachers to “teacher/guides”
4. November will be next phase
5. Discussion about how the various assessments guide the data dive discussions to assess the overall student and achievement
6. “Do” sections were shared with SGC members

ii. Numeracy

1. Additions made:
 - a. SMART Goal- see 2nd two bullets
 - b. Target goal reflected referencing the standards
 - c. Coaching
2. Recommendation- lesson planning changed to reflect Montessori lesson plans
3. “Do” sections were shared with SGC members

b. Bylaws

Nothing to share/discuss at this point.

c. Next steps

- i. Reach out to PTO for open forums to inform parents of SIP

V. Other business

- a. Equity 20/20
- b. Work Group next meeting Nov. 2 @5pm
- c. Noticed more calls home via School Messenger

VI. Adjourn- 7:15pm