



School Governance Council Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Time: 5:30PM – 7:00PM

Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School (280 Plainfield Street)

Minutes

- I. Welcome- E. Jimenez, F. Spaeth, B. Gregory, K. Kilbourn, B. Lumpris, A. Clark, M. Schulman, M. Byroade (by phone), D. Duesing, N. Poplin, C. Duquette, L. Friedberg
- II. Approval of October minutes –
 - a. 5:48 approved
- III. Update on Dual Language program-
 - a. Piloting will begin ASAP after confirmation with guides
 - b. Full program involves budget, planning, staffing, etc.
 - c. By next meeting hopes to have PE and Upper El piloting
 - d. Idea to tap into colleges as resources for internships and volunteers
- IV. Update on SIP
 - a. Content – Literacy/Numeracy/Climate and Culture
 - i. Made minor changes to some wording with literacy and numeracy
 - ii. One team per week, meet with leadership group to review an area from SIP for PDSA
 - iii. How does admin see the SGC assisting with the SIP?

1. After next steps guides have called out, looking at the feedback and reflection

iv. **Climate SIP**

1. Peer climate- favorable responses low
 2. Restorative Practices
 3. Discussing Problem of Practice, Measureable Outcomes, Student work- Virtue of the Week, strategies to solidify peer to peer bond
 4. Reviewed the PLAN and DO
 5. Discussion on how some classrooms gathered information from students on how they felt about their school/classroom climate:
 - a. Virtues and lessons planned around virtues
 - b. Primary discussions whole group
 - c. Restorative Justice is based on building relationships
 - i. Ideas: Great Games, opportunities for spontaneous play and gatherings
- b. **Timeline**
- i. By Thanksgiving- by next meeting there will be an update
- c. **Next Steps**

V. **Budget**

- a. **Content**
- i. Magnet funds being reduced (\$70,000)
 - ii. Look at expected salaries, instructional supplies,
 - iii. Had to take money from additional hire- Upper El and Erd Reading support
 - iv. 8-10% decrease predicted
- b. **Timeline**
- i. January- Using projected budget with decrease- what will our budget look like and what will we do?
 - ii. Do we have closed sessions when discussing budget? (Concerns about how budget would impact specific individuals)
- c. **Next steps**
- i. Meet in January
 - ii. Next meetings: line reports shared

VI. **Discussion: Principal Hiring Process, Bylaws**

- a. Staffing will reach out for training on principal hiring process
- b. Bylaws still in process- Andrew will email

VII. Other business

- a. Revisit norms
- b. Dec. 20th next meeting

VIII. Adjourn – 7:03