



School Governance Council Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Time: 5:30PM – 7:00PM

Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School (280 Plainfield Street)

Minutes

Members present: M. Schulman, A. Clark, L. Harrison, K. Kilborne, N. Poplin, B. Lumpris, L. Friedberg, B. Gregory, E. Jimenez, F. Spaeth

- I. Welcome**
- II. Approval of December 2016 minutes- approved 5:54pm**
- III. Meeting norms**
- IV. Update on Dual Language program**
 - a. Looking into vendor for signs- instead have students to create signs and will have conversational lunch in Upper El-Ms. DeJesus**
 - b. Letter will go out to parents that will briefly describe plans: what we are doing now, process we've gone through and the "hopes"**
 - i. sent out by February 21st**
 - c. True dual language program is very complicated**
 - d. Right now trying to expose children the best we can with the resources we have**
 - e. Suggestion: we are looking for parent volunteers to do an activity to expose students to the language- partner with the PTO- invite people to talk about it**
 - f. A visit to Greater Hartford Montessori to view how their Spanish exposure goes**

- i. Lessons and materials- starts dual- then by elementary goes to enrichment
 - ii. Primary Coach will reach out
- g. Steps: notifying parents, make sure guides that agreed are still on board, any staff with a native language of Spanish to play a role in the exposure

V. Update on SIP

- a. Content – Literacy/Numeracy/Climate and Culture
- b. Timeline
- c. Next Steps-
 - i. 6 week mindfulness training- point person from committee to attend
 - ii. Restorative practices trainings

VI. Budget

- a. Content
 - i. Discussed sign off sheet and meaning as well as the process
 - ii. Power point
 - 1. General Fund vs. Special Funds
 - 2. Discussion of no SBB- no need to request for more students to increase budget now that there is no SBB
 - 3. Where does funding go? (pie chart)
 - 4. Recommendation-
 - a. continue with the current process of what we want and how it aligns with the SIP- what we have and what we want in the future- what are our needs
 - b. Recommendation to add a elementary coach .8 to budget
 - c. Add .5 Library Media Specialist
 - d. Math intervention teacher
 - e. Keep Office assistant 1.0
 - 5. Team Approved the draft of budget @ 7:15pm
- b. Timeline- document will be shared
- c. Next steps

VII. Discussion: Principal Hiring Process, Bylaws

- a. Feb 21st- Principal Search meeting

VIII. Other business

a. Vacancy of community member

IX. Adjourn @ 7:18

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