

WATERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Meeting Minutes

Group/Team:	Gilmartin School SGC		
Location:	Gilmartin School Conference Room	Norms Reviewed:	yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday August 29th, 2017	Start Time:	5:00
Minutes Prepared By:	Katelyn Thibeault	Finish Time:	6:00

Attendance at Meeting (list all team members present or not and guests)

	Name	Position	Signature
1	Jennifer Dwyer	Principal	
2	Carol Marino	Vice-President/School Psychologist	
3	Lisa Klem	President	
4	Melissa Grossman	Parent	
5	Pia Petruzzi	2nd Grade Teacher	
6	Danielle Albert	Parent	
7.	Cindy Leonard	Parent	
8	Shakirah Howard	Parent	
9		Parent	
10	Amy Mancini	Parent Liaison	
11	Dwyer	Music	
12	Brenda Falcone	Special Ed Teacher	
13	Ms. Bulls	Interim-Vice Principal	
14	Margaret O'Brien	B.O.H Commissioner	
15	Katelyn Thibeault	Secretary/Parent	

Purpose of Meeting – Instructional Focus:

Updates and future plans

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

WELCOME BACK/REVIEW OF SGC MEETING STRUCTURE:

-Our meetings will follow school norms. The minutes will be typed and available same day. The meetings will continue to follow bylaws and we are committed to following the proper terms and conditions of the bylaws. By laws will also be followed in regards to attendance, if a member can't attend they need to email Ms Klem or Mrs. Dwyer. If a member misses 3 meetings in a row they will need to be replaced to a willing participant.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:

-Jennifer Whipple 3rd

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- Nicole Buonocore 5th
- Dana Serafine 7/8th math
- Ms Foy was promoted to principal in New Britain school system. Ms Bulls is out interim VP.

- Ms Klem has copy of all SGC meeting dates and will send them out by email.
- The school compact has been updated. It now includes Pre-k to 8th grade, our mission statement, DOJO, and powerschool.
- Brief discussion on focusing our agenda on a reading initiative.

DATA OVERVIEW

- I ready math is used for grades 2-5 and additionally 6, 7, & 8
- There's assessments 3X per year. I ready gathers information on an individual basis that shows baseline, strength and weaknesses.
- We outperformed national average in WTBY
- Numbers dramatically reduced in tier 3 students from fall to spring
- End of the year performance and growth comparison Gilmartin was the #1 school for growth in students in math and now we focus on overall growth.
- SBAC went up 7% in math and fluctuated in reading. Another reason to focus our agenda this year on reading considering our dip in reading SBAC scores.

PROPOSAL ON READING

- United way is partnering with WTBY this year and working on providing books to families this year.

We watched a short clip on the 30 million word gap.

- Mrs Dwyer and Ms Klem spoke to Mrs Croce and Mrs Caruso about our reading initiative. They shared advice about getting kids to read.
- The group discussed various ideas of how to get children and families to read, some of the ideas included:
a contest, rewards, using technology like chrome books and google classroom, encourage parents to read with children at home, have all children read the same book and discuss in class, new vocabulary words, word of the day, and display of tree with leaves around the school.

- Brief discussion on ESSA. Every student succeeds act is replacing no child left behind. Some focus points are getting parents involved in different ways like phone, class, home visits, sharing with parents how they can help and be involved in various ways.

CLOSURE:

- We voted on making reading our initiative and we will discuss strategies next meeting.
- Gilmartin was the recipient of a \$200,000 Grant that will provide chrome books to all students grades 3-8.

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