

Governance Council Meeting Notes

February 2, 2017

PPT Conference Room

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Karen Renna, Principal

Kristen Gwiazdoski, Supervising Vice Principal

Eileen McDonnell, Kindergarten Teacher

Stephanie Weed, Grade 1 Teacher

Rachel Iacovone-Boivin, Grade 2 Teacher

Kate Dussault, Grade 2 Teacher

Ivan Hernandez, 7th-8th Grade Teacher

Heather Johnson, Parent

Joshua Gales, Sr., Parent

Sarah Murphy, Parent

Kelley Canfield, Parent

Jim O'Rourke, Community Member - YMCA

*Meeting called to order

*Ms. Renna noted that we were in need of one more parent to join the council. Welcome to new parent member, Kelley Canfield. Kelley is a parent of a 6th grader and a paraprofessional at Carrington.

*Update on Wingman...Ian Hockley presented to staff and 5th, 6th and 7th graders. Committee was in search of 40 students to be Student Leaders. 46 students applied and the committee decided to allow all 46 applicants to attend the training.

~1st Training - 2/14/2017

~2nd Training - 3/2/2017

*Miss Renna invited SGC Members to visit during the training to see the students train to be Student Leaders.

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*1st Activity Day for Wingman will be end of March/beginning of April.

*2nd Activity Day for Wingman will be in May.

*Will try for a 3rd Activity Day in June if time allows.

*Carrington will be hosting a Family Night next Wednesday (2/8/2017). This will be a Laser Light Show with an anti-bullying theme from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Each kid will get a light stick. Popcorn will be sold for PTO Fundraiser.

*Carrington will host an Author Day in March. Jessica Haight & Stephanie Robinson, authors of *The Secret Files of Fairday Morrow*, will be coming and meeting with classes. Signed books will be available for purchase. Book is geared toward Grade 5 and up.

*Possibility of another Family Night in spring with a beach theme.

*Turkey Shoot was a HUGE success!

*Miss Renna asked SGC to think of ways to get more families to attend Family Nights and events at Carrington.

*Update on discipline...Discipline referral have decreased from this time last year.

*Update on MOY scores for ELA and Math...All mid-year assessments have occurred. Each grade level has shown growth from BOY. Miss Renna stated that the students are right on track.

*Update on BOOST...

*Due to Robyn being out with her surgery, Angleica Cortes, Ivan Hernandez, Chemay Morales-Jones and Renee Sileo-Pettway spent countless hours inputting all information generated and collected at the last meeting.

*Chemay showed SGC the BOOST Website that was created. Website isn't complete because all information has not been inputted yet.

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*Jim O'Rourke inquired about what inputting entailed. Ivan explained that within each category, there are 4 pages with several criteria that must be completed.

*After data is inputted, analysis will occur. SGC will decide upon which domain to focus.

*Bridge to Success (BTS) will reach out to community resources needed.

*Goal is to have all this completed by this spring.

*Jim O'Rourke suggested we go through one school resource together. Council, led by Jim, completed the Kid's Marathon school resource.

*Printed out list of incomplete resources on website and assigned someone to input information. Kristen will reach out to assigned staff. See list below.

~ Physical Therapist - PT

~ Speech - Caity Geary

~ Paraprofessional - Kelley Canfield

~ Open House - Karen & Kristen

~ Disney Day - Robyn O'Neill

~ SRBI - Melissa Thompson

~ Wellmore - Renee Sileo-Pettway

~ P.B.I.S. - P.B.I.S. Committee

~ Boys & Girls Club - Jim O'Rourke

~ Boy and Girl Scouts - Ivan Hernandez

~ Girls Inc. - Ivan Hernandez

~ Safe Haven - Renee Sileo-Pettway

~ Hispanic Health Coalition - K/1 Team

~ PTO - Robyn O'Neill

~ Music Therapy - Elvira Barbosa/Robyn O'Neill

~ Occupational Therapist - Geri Campbell

~ Library Aide - Mr. Anderson

~ Mattatuck Museum - Grade 3 Team

~ Parent Conferences - Karen & Kristen

~ Lexia - Melissa Thompson

~ Taft ASP - Karen & Kristen

~ Wingman - Wingman Committee

~ YMCA - Jim O'Rourke

~ StarBase - Grade 5 Team

~ Shakesperience - Robyn O'Neill

~ Naviance - Lynn Ogilvy

~ PAL - Jim O'Rourke

~ Stay Well Dental - Robyn O'Neill

~ School Safety - School Safety Committee

~ Chronic Absenteeism Team - Renee Sileo-Pettway

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*Request the above to be completed by February 24th.

*Goal to have all criteria inputted by beginning of March.

*SGC completed School Governance Council school resource.

*Discussion about Early Dismissal as opposed to Emergency Dismissal in regard to January 31st. Miss Renna commended the staff for such prompt response to making sure students got where they needed to be safely. Staff was prepared to walk down the hill to dismiss to cars and busses if the driveway was impassable. Every single staff member stepped up to assist with dismissal. Busses were delayed and staff volunteered to stay until last bus was loaded and had left school grounds (2:30 p.m.). Karen and Kristen stayed until 3:30 p.m.

*Many families were confused about the actual time of dismissal because in the past, any day NOT scheduled as an early dismissal day on the board-approved calendar, would be treated as an Emergency Dismissal.

*Pam Baim, ILD, will check with the cabinet on the Early Dismissal versus Emergency Dismissal protocol and get back to us.

*Miss Renna announced that Ivan Hernandez will be receiving the Inspiring Educator Award by the Rivera Memorial Foundation, Inc. on April 20th at La Bella Vista from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. SGC Members were invited to purchase tickets and attend.

*Agenda for next meeting (3/2/2017)...

~ Wingman update

~ Update on Family Nights

^Brainstorm idea on how to increase parent involvement

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- ~ Update on Early Dismissal vs. Emergency Dismissal
- ~ Update discipline
- ~ Update on safety - John Herman will be coming in February to expose Carrington to different scenarios that would call for a Lockdown or Shelter in Place.
- ~ Continue with BOOST

*Motion to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. by Ivan Hernandez, 2nd by Sarah Murphy. All agreed, none opposed.

Stephanie and Eileen are in charge of snacks for March 2nd meeting.