



Governing Board

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Governing Board Meeting Agenda January 21, 2020 6 PM – 7:30 PM WHCIS Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Courtney Gosselin, Kenia Alfaro, Amanda Payette, April Luna, Deb Dixon, Evan McAlear, Courtney Koslow, Matt Collins

A. Review of minutes from last meeting (6 - 6:15)

B. Updates, Happenings & Follow-Up (6:15 - 7:00)

a. Building Concerns

- Courtney K. reached out to Jeffrey Curley (Chief of Staff) re: concerns about - lead in water, radon and mold - emailed and left him a message
- all water fountains and faucets were tested for lead within last 3 or 4 years - email confirmed that everything was fine - Evan confirmed this was June 2017
- AHERA report - every school is supposed to have one readily available -no one has been able to locate this (Chad and Nancy did not know where it was)

b. Dress Code

- 7th/8th Gen Ed - students will get the Golden Ticket - 1 HW pass for each class
- 6th Grade (Gen Ed. and SEI) - certificates to recognize being in Dress Code
- narrowed down the issues to the frequent flyers who are always out of dress code
- most kids seem to be in dress code and trying to keep up with it

c. Family Engagement Committee

- Mary Lou and Courtney working on this, identified 3 parents (1 Kindergarten, a Harvard grad, and parent from ELPAC) - one is parent of an AIM student - meet for 1.5 hours each month until end of the school year
- Admin PD - coming up with an Equity Plan - focus on Family Engagement
- Mary Lou is working on this
- Communication piece came up during Principal Coffee Hour - trying to streamline the piece
- WHCIS web page is out of date in terms of contacts - Central is working revamping all of the sites

d. Monthly Happenings & Upcoming Events

- Popcorn sale tomorrow, January 22
- PTA Student of the Month is Monday, January 27
- History of Rap performance on February 13
- Fill-a-Bag coming up in February - MaryLou is organizing it - Courtney thinks they are taking donations
- Food Drive being run by Student Council? - Courtney will check with Tara about this
- Robotics Club kicks off in February - Middle School Robotics League - funding from company involved with Artisan's Asylum, Aeronaut - West, Argenziano, Healey and WHCIS involved
 - going to coordinate with Citizen's School on this - meeting at least once per week for a 10 week period
 - hoping to have something ready for the Showcase
 - possibly Grades 5 through 8
 - Tufts is helping write the curriculum for the program
- Carnations Day on February 14 - Student Council coordinates this
- March 25 and 26 conferences - afternoon and evening
- Showcase on May 28 starting at 5:00 p.m. - along with the Citizen Schools' WOW

e. Draft of School Improvement Plan

- going through it section-by-section
- a memo will go to Chad Mazza, who will then present it the School Committee
- overview of sections
 - Mission and Background Information
 - Instructional Focus - learning loop
 - School Goals
 - School Information
 - Our SGP Goal is 60

- 5 Key Drivers for Student Success
 - unique opportunity for kids in our building because of inclusion
 - AIM program grew from 50 last year to 62, PreK programs are really large
 - Social-Emotional Learning - largest section
 - PBIS implementation
 - Courtney will add in Restorative Justice to this section
 - Family Engagement
 - February - Wild Cat Chats- may add a second one in the late afternoon before Governing Board
- Focus Area - measuring growth
 - Courtney will make an addition to 1A - number of students on grade level
- Root Cause Investigation
 - Reading Intervention Block in ESL block for SEIP program
 - SEI-3 students - why is this group stalling in their English Language Development
 - looking at chronic absenteeism
- Identified Changes/Strategies (Theory of Change)
 - Language and Literacy focus
 - Student Wellness: Attendance
- can we find a way to highlight the school's innovation status in the improvement plan?
- highlight teacher interactions - mentor teachers

B. New Business (7:00-7:15)

C. Set Agenda for Next Meeting (7:15 - 7:30)

- a. Meeting Dates for Year:
 - i. 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 and 6/9
- b. Agenda items
 1. Hate Symbol
 2. Review revised School Improvement Plan - with additional section
 3. Building Concerns
 4. Dress Code
 5. Family Engagement Committee
 6. Monthly Happenings & Upcoming Events

