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Governing Board Meeting November 12, 2019 6 PM – 7:30 PM WHCIS Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Courtney Gosselin, Matt Collins, April Luna, Debra Dixon, Amanda Payette

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

B. Updates and Follow-Up (6:15 - 6:45)

- a. School Breakfast
 - i. Questions for Director of Food Services
 - 1. How are they items selected?
 - 2. Are there other items to put in the rotation that are feasible for BIC?a. we have all possible items in the rotation
 - 3. Can we take the danish off the list? Students said they were too sweet
 - a. only 40 were returned to the kitchen
 - ii. Survey of Students
 - 1. favorite
 - 2. least favorite
 - 3. Which of the following would you like to have?
 - a. don't think we need the survey if there aren't any choices to add
 - b. we'll continue as is for now
- b. Building Concerns
 - i. Pest issue is being addressed and will continue to monitor
 - 1. nothing new to report this week
 - 2. no new sightings this week
 - ii. Sent concerns to Jeff Curley and Courtney Koslow is going to reach out to him to set up a meeting.
 - 1. last testing of air quality was around ten years ago
 - 2. Courtney will follow up
- c. Monthly Happenings & Upcoming Events
 - i. Sent out the November Calendar
 - ii. First Principal Coffee Hour next one is 11/22 and will focus on PTA





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- 1. first coffee hours had around 12 parents
- 2. parents attending expressed interest in being involved in PTA
- iii. Other updates?

B. New Business (6:45 - 7:15)

- a. Dress Code
 - i. each class can decide what their prize day is (pjs, jeans, hats, etc.)
 - ii. teachers can note in the spreadsheet if it is just one student not in dress code
 - iii. seeing less issues with more pant options but some are pushing boundaries with color stripes or words on them
 - iv. add blurb in the staff weekly email about how to track dress code
- b. follow up with Nancy about Turkey donations to check the status
- c. a lot of students are getting backpacks this year

Homeroom Teacher Reports (13/31 homerooms reporting)

# of times 100% dresscode	Notes
0	
5	
12	I only had one student out of dress code the whole time, but she did it repeatedly
18	
21	One student has never been in dress code
17	
20	As of 10/30, 20 of 21 days
20	
20	As of today, 20/21 days in uniform
20	
19	
20	One student out of dress code 2 days, but she changed in the office.
0	

- d. School Improvement Plan
 - i. <u>2016-2018 WHCIS SIP</u>
 - ii. Review last year's plan

- 1. Where do we want to go this year?
 - a. ATTENDANCE
 - b. still very important to have a social/emotional goal
 - i. kids understand thumbs up, thumbs down
 - ii. understand what the questions are asking
 - iii. do we want to include ROAR expectations?
 - iv. make sure we pull from both positive and negative responses to learn more about their reasoning
 - v. "I know what the ROAR expectations are and I meet them every day." (two questions)
 - vi. in focus group: what could your teacher do to support your using ROAR more?
 - vii. will review and finalize the questions next meeting
 - c. reading goal-do we keep 85%?
 - i. should there be an ELL focus? growth focus?
 - ii. many SEI 3s; group out of the sheltered program
 - iii. intermediate level doesn't exist anymore
 - iv. hard to show growth with our transient population
 - v. we don't have universal levels of language supports/practices
 - d. inclusionary practices?
 - i. more specific needs for specific kids
 - ii. less global issues
 - iii. needs vary greatly year to year
 - iv. difficult to write a goal about
 - v. Laura Z. had each class have a gen ed teacher as their point person to work with for inclusion needs, etc.
 - 1. some issues implementing but good idea
 - vi. would like some support or general tips for dealing with common behaviors to support inclusion in the classroom from the BCBAs with their extensions for support
 - vii. some kind of process to share schedules and issues to get the most out of inclusion
 - viii. this issue more something to work on within the school vs. part of our school improvement goal

iii. Begin discussion for this year's plan

ELECTRIC THREE HOLE PUNCH WAS DISCOVERED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM-Nancy has been alerted

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

- a. Meeting Dates for Year:
 - i. **12/10**, 1/14, 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 and 6/9
- b. will follow up on school improvement plan
 - i. review survey
 - ii. look at draft goals
- c. follow up on dress code challenges
- d. parent engagement
 - i. are we setting up a committee
 - ii. getting information out to staff on the spring showcase
 - iii. follow up with Angela DiPesa from Citizens Schools
- e. building situation updates