

School Council 1/24/2018

Attendees:

Peter Dolan, Co-chair
Rebecca Martin, Co-Chair
Andrea LoCoco
Emma McLaughlin
Lilia Haddouche
Matthew O'Leary

1. Enrollment update= 366 children
 - 142 students on IEPs
 - 13 students on vouchers (financial help)
 - 35 non-resident students
 - 213 students are full time
 - 153 students are part-time

2. Team updates
 - A. Leadership team- combination of all staff (sped, gen ed, paras, etc.) Grown over the past years.
 - B. PBIS Team- pilot program. Members are going out to get training to help implement new strategies into the classroom.
 - C. Restorative practice- New team, 4 members. Administered survey to every teacher, 100% participation. Gave good insight on whether or not restorative practice has been beneficial to every classroom
 - D. Pre-K & K task force- Working on new screening tool for kids going into kindergarten. Also working on new curriculum.
Pre-k is working on editing literacy curriculum to make it more meaningful for every classroom. Hoping to create better, hands on activities for the classroom.

3. Parent teacher night is February 8th, 4:30-6:00.

4. Holiday statement- Schools are now allowed to celebrate any and all holidays.

5. Harvard study- First of its kind on Pre-school education. Looking at multiple schools in the state, the ELC was selected. Involves 2 classrooms and maximum of 8 kids in each class. Led by Harvard employees.

6. January Professional Development- Report card training. Para-professionals had training on PBIS.

7. New Report Cards- No comments are allowed on the report card. Looking to change that for next year.

8. Moving up ceremony- Happening this year! Looking to have it off school grounds, but that will not work. Brainstorming ideas to make this ceremony the most meaningful, consistent in all classrooms, and convenient for all.
9. Water pipe damage- On Monday January 1st, the custodian came into the school and noticed a burst pipe in the faculty lounge. The water spread to the room next door and the room below. One ILP classroom needed to be completely renovated due to water damage.
10. First 6 months feedback- Halfway through the school year. Sending out a note to let parents know what School Council is and who you should contact if you have any comments or concerns. Great feedback on Mr. Dolan being the first face you see when you walk into the school! What a great job Mr. Dolan did solving an emergency situation in the parking lot.
11. Posters from district- Every classroom and hallway received new posters expressing the districts beliefs.
12. New ILP classroom- Between now and April, 16 students are coming in on an IEP. A classroom will be temporarily created in an existing office space until new classroom is added in the library. Construction of the library cannot happen until the summer. Interviews will begin next week for new ILP teacher. Ordering all new supplies for classroom. Classroom will be up and running in March.