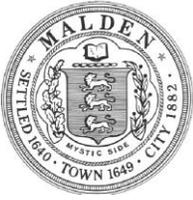


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### School Council Minutes

3/15/18

#### Attendance:

Peter Dolan, Co-Chair

Rebecca Martin, Co-Chair

Emma McLaughlin

Andrea LoCoco

Matthew O'Leary

1. Enrollment update: 392 students enrolled as of 3/19/18.
2. Team Updates
  - A. Leadership Team- Still debating on a few issues (move up day). All meetings have been productive and meaningful.
  - B. PBS Team- Constantly working to make it even better than it already is. Received more grant money to purchase new materials to incorporate into classrooms. Two new coaches have stepped in to add to the team.
  - C. Restorative Practice- Met with consultants and decided to not advance to the next two levels due to the nature of the content. Not appropriate for preschool aged children. The team that came in to observe was so impressed by what they saw going on in the classrooms.
  - D. PreK & K Task Force- Pre-K task force is now getting into curriculum and what needs to be revised. Working on finding a math interactive program. Five members on the team.

3. New Report Cards (Feedback)- Still complaints about the organization of the website in terms of putting in the grades. Unfortunately there is no solution to that problem. Otherwise all staff seemed pleased with new grading method.

4. Moving up ceremony - It will be a uniformed activity to make sure each child gets the same experience. Still in discussion with Leadership Team.

5. New Classroom- A work in progress. Still missing some key pieces of furniture in order to make the classroom functioning. Working on hiring two new paraprofessionals. Hiring new substitute to help fill in gaps for the remainder of the school year.

6. Slide Update- They have found a replacement! Should be installed in the spring.

7. J-Touches- Five will be arriving over April vacation, the other five have been ordered. Hoping to get the remaining classrooms a J-Touch next year.

8. Tuition for After School- Will be increasing the fee for children. Numbers are up. Any time they reach 15 children for in a group they are adding another classroom. Currently at five classrooms. Morning program is over 30 students.

9. Kindergarten Registration at PIC- Packets went out in the mail. Parents should get them in ASAP. Hired part-time interrupters for parents.

10. Raising a Reader- Seems to be a lot of work for the teachers, particularly the half-day teachers. School council voted unanimously to end Raising a Reader.

11. Career Day- Rebecca Martin has agreed to organize. Peter will have a conversation with Malden employees to volunteer (Police, Firefighters, DPW, etc.) Tentative dates are May 23th & 24th.

In May, School Council will work on the School Improvement Plan.

Next meeting May 15th.