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Salemwood School
School Council Minutes
January 15, 2019

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Jessica Brown, Parent
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Iermise Jean, Parent
Jennifer Hedrington, Teacher
Amanda Maffeo, Teacher
Lisa Pastore, Teacher
Alan Rodriguez, Teacher
Christina Terranova, Teacher

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 15 at 7 AM in the K-4 conference room

Agenda Items:

1. Past events: PTO Candy Bar Bingo 11/15/18, Holiday Parade 1/24, bookfair earned close to \$2000 for Salemwood; Winterfest celebration Saturday, Jan. 12th from 11-1pm; Future: Tuesday, January 29...Texas Roadhouse fundraiser: 10% of the proceeds goes to Salemwood School.
2. Kathy Sullivan's coat collection drive went well with 9 huge bags collected with the help of Amanda Maffeo and staff donations
3. Staff have begun holding monthly staff breakfasts in library in AM and 2 have been held, one by K & grade 1 and the second by grades 2 & 3.
Here is the remainder of the suggested schedule:
 - January-4 and exploratory teachers
 - February-5 and 6
 - March-7 and 8
 - April-SPED/interventionists/SEI/guidance counselors/nurses

- May-Paras and secretaries
4. Testing update: ACCESS testing is taking place from Jan. 3-25th and Midterms also happening for grades 6-8 week of Jan. 7-11. 5. Second quarter grades close on Jan. 22nd; report cards go home on Feb. 5th. Next Parent/guardian night set for Feb. 7th from 6-7:30 pm
 6. Staffing update: Interviews for second Assistant Principal position have begun; opening for guidance counselor with departure of Mr. Bouhuys
 7. Field trips: Grade 6 received permission from school committee for Nature's classroom (year 15!). Trip is planned for March 18th -21? ; Grade 5 trip to the Tsongas Activity Center is postponed due to government partial shutdown.
 8. Statewide Project Equity forum took place for the region at MHS Tuesday, Jan. 8th to educate the public about the challenges facing districts and to try to find solutions.
 9. District Equity plan update: School committee meeting Jan. 7th the superintendent announced committee in place to reexamine student placement to provide more equity to all schools. Big job, stay tuned for more info
 10. Student health: Informational panel on vaping Wed. Jan. 9th at MHS with Jason Lewis and Maureen Buzby, an expert in vaping abuse among teens, in attendance & Results of student health survey from last spring ? presented at school committee meeting.
 11. Next School council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, March 12th.**

Questions from Nov. meeting:

- will guidance discuss MCAS goals with grades 7 & 8?
- Vision and mission statement revision plans?
- Vacation school update for Feb. and April breaks?