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School Council Minutes 3/21/19

Attendance:
Peter Dolan, Co-Chair
Rebecca Martin, Co-Chair
Matthew O'Leary
Andrea LoCoco
Elizabeth Tonogbanun

- 1. Full day PD update- Teachers were able to choose their PD session. Two guest speakers, teachers choice, lunch and then teachers choice. Considering only doing this type of PD once a year and having the other session building base. May move full day PD from February to March.
- 2. New Hires and new classrooms- We have had about 13-15 new hires in the past few months due to new classrooms opening. The district has been very supportive in hiring new staff. Would like to keep ILP classrooms at 6-7 students. Next year each ILP classroom will begin with 6-7 students.
- 3. New offices- SLPs are now located in room 103 (room in the back of the indoor play space). New part-time team chair located in old SLP room. Program Manager is now in room across from Main office.
- 4. Enrollment update Over 400 students
- 5. School improvement plan- New forms coming soon to be voted on.
- 6. Team updates
 - a. Leadership team- Meeting monthly.
 - b. Pbs team- School from Boston came to the ELC and observed a few classrooms to get an idea/perspective about how we are carrying out the program. All good reports! Our three coaches have attended trainings. Teachers will begin classroom observations this month.
 - c. Restorative practice team- No reports as of now.
 - d. PreK task force- Will meet again in April to discuss how the pilot program on group plans is going.
- 7. Parent/guardian/educator night- February 6th- Seemed to go well. Hard to meet with every parent in a short amount of time but as of now things will stay the same. A parent reported they liked being assigned a time but that she wasn't initially notified that the conference was going on because she does not drop off or pick up her child. We will continue to have Open House before school starts for the upcoming school year.
- 8. Parent child home program- Up and running! For children 0-3 years old. Malden has a 3 year grant. The program leader has been doing a great job.
- 9. 8:00 start next year for all classrooms- Some parent push back. Concerns with parking. Voting on the idea of 7:45-2:15 time for staff. Peter has been working very hard to have "School Zone" street signs fixed and/or replaced and a crosswalk added in front of the school.
- 10. Tuition hikes- 5 years since last tuition hike. All classroom prices are going up. After school now has a new flat rate and the program ends at 5:30 rather than 6:00.
- 11. iPads-Teachers have traded in their Chrome books and will be receiving new iPads to use in their classrooms.
- 12. New assistant superintendent of pupil services- Michael Wood- He has experience in all levels of school management.
- 13. PTO

- 14. Graduation-Coming up this year!
- 15. Parking- Looking into getting permit stickers for staff members for street parking. Looking into getting parking personal to help with the parking lot.
- 16. Career Day- Letter will be sent home the beginning of April to ask parents to volunteer. It has always been a great experience for our students!
- 17. Summer school dates- New dates are June 24-27th and July 8th- August 1st. No school July 1st-July 4th. 8:30-1:30.
- 18. PBS grant and visit from a school in Boston as how we do PBS initiatives here.

Next date tentatively May 18th.