

ELC School Council Minutes
5/16/19

Attendance:

Peter Dolan, Co-Chair
Rebecca Martin, Co-Chair
Matthew O'Leary
Emily Parker
Emma McLaughlin
Andrea LoCoco

1. New hires and new classrooms: Having trouble hiring para-professionals due to pay. Losing an ILP teacher for next year.
2. Enrollment- We have exceeded 400 students.
3. School improvement plan- The superintendent has hired a consultant to help with the school improvement plans throughout the district. The district will create their own school improvement plan. Drafting for the district began a month ago. We will continue to use our improvement plan from last year and make some small adjustments. School Council approved 2019-2020 school improvement plan.
4. Team Updates
 - a. Leadership- A valuable team to the ELC.
 - b. PBS- has done a lot of work this year through their coaching. Pete stays out of the meetings to allow for honest conversation. 3 coaches in house and one outside consultant. The ELC receives \$7,000 to spend on PBS related materials for the classroom.
 - c. Restorative Circle- currently not meeting.
 - d. Pre-K Task force- Looking to change report card to change the social/emotional piece. Want the report card to reflect what goes on in the classroom and give the parents a better idea of what everything means.
5. 8:00 start next year- Still waiting on the union to vote on the new contract. It is leaning towards an 8:00 start for all classes. Now looking into what can be done to fix the parking lot problem.
6. Tuition hikes- Letter went out to families. Pete only received one complaint by a family. Anticipating complaints at the beginning of the school year. Price is still lower than most private pre-schools.
7. iPads- They have arrived in district. The beginning of next year each class will get 2-5 iPads. 97 new iPads. Therapists will be receiving one as well.
8. PTO- In a much better place than earlier this year. New families have joined in to help!
9. Move Up Day June 6th and 7th- Moved to the Thursday and Friday of that week. Letters have gone out to families. Poems and schedule have gone out to teachers.
10. Parking- See 8:00 start time above.
11. Career Day- May 22nd and 23rd- some volunteers include a scientist, nurse, Tufts students, policemen, firemen, ambulance, DPW, etc.
12. Summer School dates- June 24th-27th, July 8th-August 1st. 4 days a week 8:30-1:30 . Having difficulty hiring summer teachers and staff
13. New report card changes- See PreK task force.

14. Nap time- NAEYC has no regulations on nap time. The school as an unwritten "1 hour" nap time. Considering cutting it back to 45 minutes. Kindergarten does not have nap time. Looking to get to no nap timer for 5 yearolds.
15. Footsteps2Brilliance- A training will be done with the paras next year. Teachers received a quick training last month. Feedback was positive.
16. Handbook changes- Update pick up and drop off time. If parents are late for pick up they need to meet with Principal. Should they be charged for being consistently late for pickup?
Considering making a rule about parents dismissing their child less than 15 minutes before dismissal. Pete does not necessarily agree with this proposal.
17. Teacher appreciation week- A great week! Thanks to all!
18. Staff activity- Walk for Colleen- 14 participants this year from the ELC. A truly special day.
19. PD Opportunity with CFCE- Music Education- A few staff members took advantage of the PD.