
Ferryway School Council Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2017

4:30P.M.—5:30P.M

Attendees

Abdel Sepulveda, Principal, Co-chair, Peg Crowe, Community Representative

Mona Aboukhali, Parent, Tom Ruan, Parent

Marijane Tuohy, Teacher

Absent

Astrid Araya, Scott Campbell, (Parents)

Danielle Senopoulos, Co-Chair, Jessica Jackson, Meaghan Darragh, (Teachers)

Agenda

1. 2017 MCAS
2. Bay State Reading Institute


Notes

A . Sepulveda introduced new members to the council and listed dates of upcoming meetings for the 2017-2018 school year.

Future meetings will be 12/4, 1/ 8, 2 /5, 3 /5 , 4 /5 , and 5/7 (**Time?**)

Mr. Sepulveda reported that Ferryway is off to a great start. Morale is high and staff response to new initiatives such as Restorative Circles and Bay state Institute has been very positive thanks to Michael Ciampa, Earl Fitzpatrick and Julie Jones for their work last year. Last month, in response to parent concerns about “Restorative Justice”, the superintendent called for a parent informational meeting which was held at the Forestdale school. Parent questions were answered and concerns were addressed. One concern addressed was to change the name to “Restorative Circles”, as this initiative is meant to build up social and emotional relationships as opposed to a perceived punitive enforcement.

A handout of the Baystate Institute Meeting Log from the September walk-through was shared with the committee along with a report of the school's MCAS results.



MCAS results were discussed along with the new test scale ranges for MCAS 2.0. Ferryway showed increases in not only the percent of students who met or exceeded expectations, (notably grades 3 and 4 in Math and English, grade 7 in ELA), but also in percentile of growth from previous year's scores.

Mr. Sepulveda additionally reported that due to cuts in Federal and state funding and grants, we can expect to see sharp budget cuts for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (July 1-June 30). These grants include Title I funds which pay for our literacy coaches, Title 3 funds which pay for ELL services, and ELC funds which pay for our Extended Learning Time.

Discussion of expectations and goals for this school year ensued and it was determined that the council fully supported 2 goals:

1. It is the goal of this council to make the Ferryway school the Number 1 social, emotional and learning school in the state of Massachusetts.
2. It is the goal of this Council to increase parent involvement by appointing a parent liaison to the PTO and school for each and every student's home language.

Action Items

1. Student home languages will be identified

Next Meeting Agenda Items

A report of all Ferryway languages will be identified and a list of potential liaisons will be created.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by MJ Tuohy 11/6/17