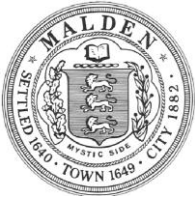


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School Council
11/15/17

Attendance:

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

1. No Parking/School Zone Lights Update
 - a. Pete talked to the police department's traffic division about the school zone signs and he was asked to contact the city councilor for our district
 - b. Pete waited until the election passed to contact city council
 - c. We want "no parking" on one side of street Montrose St.
 - d. Both are not quick fixes.
 - e. Citywide emergency team meeting on Monday- Pete will bring it up then
2. IXL Math
 - a. New interactive math program for Chromebooks and JTouch
 - b. Teachers had training on this because it is new to the district
 - c. Feedback from staff: used it and loved it but now how to fit it into our schedules?
 - d. Half day is not able to fit it in; going to give information to parents to do it at home or at public library
 - e. Mice are coming for the Chromebooks!!
3. Restorative Practice
 - a. Parent Meeting at Forestdale in October; Restorative Practice was a little controversial in some areas but everything was addressed in meeting
 - b. At ELC: some are doing it everyday, some are doing it once a week; some have liked it and some haven't
 - c. ELC is on basic level and we are not asking deep questions
4. 262 Grant Update
 - a. Grant for SPED and PBIS Initiative for around \$30,000
 - b. Peter re-wrote grant
 - c. Whiteboards for 9 ILP classrooms will be touchscreen/interactive connected to Chromebook or desktop
 - d. Natalia and Pete went around today to see whiteboards
 - e. Problem solving for projector on the table with the children- possibility of a second table?
 - f. Natalia is pushing for more electronics at ELC

5. After School Program Update
 - a. Superintendent took it on and researched- shows his commitment to ELC
 - b. YWCA oversees but ELC pays the staff
 - c. ELC staff are fabulous and work so hard
 - d. There have been bumps starting on the fly
 - e. First full week of program; yesterday was the last of the five days to get through for the first time
 - f. Still don't have high school kids checking parents in and opening the door. We have been reassured that they are coming.
 - g. Nothing but positive reactions from parents- felt calmer and safer
 - h. Reaction from staff going back into classrooms- haven't heard anything bad
 - i. Teachers have 1hr in the classroom before the after school kids come

6. Enrollment Update
 - a. 323 students
 - b. SPED population is high for this time of year
 - c. ILP classrooms can go up to 9- but 9 is a lot
 - d. Superintendent did see the small rooms
 - e. Is there a possibility to have preschool at another school? There are no rooms available at K-8's. That is unknown at this time.

7. Co-Chair Elect
 - a. By law, we need a co-chair
 - b. Rebecca Martin is the new co-chair

8. Team Updates:
 - a. Leadership Team: added a couple more people; we have representation from all classroom/staff types now; great feedback to go to main office with; information from leadership should go to CPT teams so everyone is informed
 - b. PBS Team: Positive Behavior Program (PBS) is in transition now- new inside coach and new outside coach; Pete and Liza head out Friday to training so Pete is more informed about PBS
 - c. Restorative Practice Team: Every other month meetings; restorative practice came in and were very happy with what they have seen; videotaped one classroom for their company!
 - d. PreK & K Task Force: Pete is the chair; pre-k level is working on curriculum; needed a cover sheet with comments for report card but computer program is not ready for that.

9. Parent/Teacher Night Feb. 8th @ 4:30-6pm
 - a. Report cards go out on Monday & Tuesday

10. Go Fund Me Updates
 - a. Two funded: squish machine and Jtouch; hoping more teachers will do it
 - b. It is a tax write offs for companies so a lot of people need to donate and will search for schools to donate to

11. Chromebooks - mice and stickers
 - a. Hard for children to navigate the Chromebooks
 - b. Mice and green stickers are on their way

12. SST
 - a. Pre-referral for Special Education; we had a meeting this month
 - b. Hopefully to make Monique and Karen's life easier! We don't always need to go the IEP route- so much work and anxiety provoking for parents
 - c. Trying different things before testing a child for Special Education services
 - d. Up and running in January

13. DCAP
 - a. A lot of negative feedback from staff
 - b. It is best practices for teaching for all students
 - c. Don't need big list of accommodations- a lot is in the DCAP so you can reduce accommodations in the IEP
 - d. Example is preferential seating; it is on IEP's but it is in the DCAP so it can come out of the accommodations

14. Career Day
 - a. 2 days
 - b. Parent volunteers
 - c. Very successful in the years past

15. Next meeting: January 17th at 2:30