



CITY OF MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

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Linden STEAM Academy Governing Board Agenda September 12, 2018 at 5:45pm Linden STEAM Academy Library

- Call-to-Order 5:45
 - Attendance: Eden Garhart-Smith, John Murray, Elaine Rittershaus, Jessica Leggett, Tim Ruggere, John Oteri, John Froio, Deb Gesualdo, Justin Umlah, Kenya Avant, Kathleen Christensen, Callie Walsh, Cynara Cannatella
 - Quorum: sufficient to conduct business
- Approval of Minutes from July
 - Motion to move this agenda item to October meeting so members will be able to review the document before voting made by Deb Gesualdo. Seconded by Kenya Avant.
 - Motion carries.
- New Business
 - Governing Board Goals:
 - Board should have various positions to reach out including the updated website which will be maintained by Deb Gesualdo, PTO meeting outreach, etc..
 - Mission needs to be compared/aligned to that of the district
 - Board needs time to review school improvement plan before being able to make decisions on specifics
 - District plan will be coming out soon as it is being worked on
 - Continue discussion in “On-going business” at October meeting
 - Planning the remaining PD (innovation)
 - 7th grade is going to a training for integration by Lisa Dieker,
 - more space open in late October training
 - Staff will come back and share out, break down as representatives.
 - Tim Ruggere will talk to Heather Whittington re: space available, then Kathleen Christensen will meet with him to

determine reps/talking to teams re: reps for all teams working with PACE classes

- Could the school look at other forms of professional development:
 - EdCamp
 - EdCamp could be an alternative way to meet all needs of all staff
 - Topics that should be covered in professional development:
 - CPI, SEI, Restorative Circles, Vertical Planning, trauma planning, PBL
 - Survey for Staff
 - Tim Ruggere will set up a Google Form based on input from staff representatives regarding the need for teacher voice/input
 - Results of the survey will be reported out at the October meeting
- STARBASE(refer to May 2018)
 - Starbase field trips/program approved by the Superintendent
 - District to cover half bus costs, team/students responsible to come up with remaining half
 - Can the school look at incorporating other special programs for students?
 - Tufts partnership, STOMP, Novel Engineering, etc.
 - Callie Walsh will check with her contact from Tufts re: updated Novel Engineering training
- Review the most recent MCAS data-
 - Kenya Avant provided the school district with a data sharing agreement to access individual student data and bring resources to share
 - District will review data sharing agreement
- Review School Improvement Planning
 - Goals should address that Linden is a STEAM school
 - Culture and climate goal on plan is important including communication with a quantifiable way to prove communication of talking to and listening to staff
 - Surveys to families on engagement and what families would want and/or see.
 - MCAS goal to build capacity for coaches to dig deeper into given areas
 - social emotional growth goal
- Administrator's Report
 - Positive start to the year
 - scheduling came together fast with staff involvement during many summer meetings,
 - great opportunity to meet staff before go-time
 - bell schedules being worked on
- Public Comment
 - No community members in attendance wished to speak

- Personal Privilege
 - Little Free Library has been built
 - Would like to have a ceremony with 8th grade
 - Coordinate with Tara Beardsley who donated the LFL
 - Faculty and parents hope that the school can look at hiring a full-time health teacher to attend to the social and emotional needs of students
 - Some faculty may look at creating a publishing center in the building with assistance from the PTO
 - PTO is to provide water for staff, Tim got a contract with Poland Springs
- Adjournment 6:34 pm. Motion to adjourn by Deb Gesualdo. Second by Elaine Rittershaus.
 - Motion carries.