



Malden Public Schools

FERRYWAY SCHOOL
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"It is our mission to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically-rigorous environment where the whole student learns and grows to his/her maximum potential."

Ferryway School Council Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2018

Attendees:

Abdel Sepulveda, Principal and Co-Chair; Marijane Tuohy, Teacher; Kathy Cutting, Teacher
Diane Urban, Teacher; Kristen Zarella, Teacher; Sarah Lacasse, Parent
Michele Ferguson, Parent; Phil Isaac, Parent

Absent:

Peg Crowe, Community Member; Binh Makishi, Parent

Agenda

1. Approval of last meeting minutes
2. Looking at the ELT Performance Agreement Draft
3. Mindful Mondays Initiative
4. Children-Harvard Research Project
5. New Business

Notes:

1. ELT Performance Agreement:
 - a. An extension was provided and the draft is currently being worked on. Mr. Sepulveda will send the council a copy of the draft for review upon completion.
2. Mindful Mondays:
 - a. Currently for the 5th grade students and will be completed in their classroom. The goal is to show that this process shows improvement in the student's daily routine.
 - b. Consists of 20-30 minutes of techniques that they can use to help relax and focus. The hope is to reset the brain for the week and will also teach the students self-regulation.
 - c. Guidance counselors from the Linden School will be coming to the Ferryway to train the teachers on techniques. This training will be on Monday mornings.
 - d. This timing to implement this is December and January and compares the results of the 2 months to prior year.

3. Children-Harvard Research Project:

- a. A literacy app that originally began at the ELC and was proposed to teachers.
- b. The only students who will qualify for this project is those who have English as a first language.
- c. Roughly 65 children qualify for the developmental aspect of the app. These students can't turn 6 years old prior to June 2019.

4. New business:

- a. Access. Testing in reading, writing and spelling to be held in January.
- b. Holiday Store. Items will be donated by the teachers and the 8th grade students will assist with wrapping.
- c. Holiday Singalong. To be held on December 20th for Grades K through 4 during each grades exploratory time.
- d. Winter Concert. To be held on January 31st for Grades 4 through 8.
- e. Spirit day. December 21st, Blades from the Boston Bruins will be coming to Ferryway to see Grades K-4.
- f. Water versus Juice. The 5th grade classes took votes on what they prefer and provided the food service with a proposal.
- g. Technology Fest. Currently looking into holding a second one before the 2019 school year ends.
- h. Absenteeism. Letters were sent home with progress reports. If a student is absent 2 consecutive days then the assistant principal will call home.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm