

Linden STEAM Academy Site Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11th 2019@ 5:45pm

Meeting started 5:53pm

Roll Call: Ray Garcia, Kenya Avant, Eden Garhart-Smith, Cynara Cannatella, Katie Carter, Laura Degelmann, Lisa Hanifan, Rachana Gray, Tamie Duong

Not present Jasna Nightingale, Netsanet Defabachew, Sonia Miller, Nancy Martin and Pamela Wickwire

I. Minutes approved from November 14th 2019 Motioned by Cynara Cannatella and Katie Carter seconded and everyone approved

II Open comment - there were no additional people for open comment

III. Open Meeting Law requirements and discussion - we need to figure out a way to keep meeting open and accessible. Cynara currently puts her cell number on the door if anyone should arrive and not be able to get in. If she isn't in attendance we will have a number posted to be able to get in.

Also, mentioned getting minutes and agenda up sooner.

IV. School Site Council Composition discussion- it was discussed what is the definition of when we can conduct business and when can we vote, if need be can someone attend virtually facetime/audio on phone etc.

Also discussed was current teacher to parent ratio and currently we have one additional parent that teachers. There was a motion by Laura Degelmann and seconded by Kenya Avant, for Eden Garhart-Smith to reach out to the parents not in attendance Jasna Nightingale and Netsanet Defabachew to make sure they want to continue to serve, if they do that parents would rotate out for the remaining 2019/2020 school year.

V. Innovation plan/annual school improvement plan- there were edits mentioned as needing to remove project lead the way, highlight PBIS and pathways, makerspaces and how as a school we utilize these. Also, discussed was school improvement plan to be separate from innovation school annual evaluation. Currently, district is working on template for school improvement plan. There was mention of budgeting and how on the previous Governing Board it was not something that was given to the board.

VI. Task force updates (Data, By Laws& Communication)

i. By Laws - Tamie Duong and Kenya Avant- hope to modify by laws so they are up to date with current state regulation and in the spirit of the council that they are effective and efficient

ii. Data Lisa Hanifan and Laura Degelmann, looked at math data specifically - provided math MCAS scores and other scores and spoke to teachers about math. Notes was time spent on ELA v. Math and in 6th -8th grade there is no math curriculum and that is something teachers would like to see. In

addition, time to meet vertically i.e 6th grade math gets to meet with 7th grade math, so each grade would at least get to meet with grade above and below in the same subject.

Next meeting Wednesday, Jan 8th 2019 at 5:45pm

Adjourned at 7:01pm motioned by Kenya Avant seconded by Cynara Cannatella