

Linden STEAM Academy Site Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8th 2020 @ 5:45pm

Meeting started 5:50pm

Roll Call: Rachana Gray, Cynara Cannatella, Netsanel Defbachew, Ray Garcia, Lisa Hanifan, Pam Wickwire, Nancy Martin, Laura Degelmann, Katie Carter, Kenya Avant, Eden Garhart-Smith,

Guests: Nicole Queen, Jade Giacoppo, Meghan Voley, Stacey Scott and Julie Maguire- Jones

Not Present Sonia Miller and Jasna Nightingale

I. Approval of the minutes Rachana Gray made the motion with Cynara Cannatella seconded with the modification that Data task force also used dibels math when presenting in the last meeting on math scores. All agreed.

II. Public Comment- Nicole Queen spoke and thanked Mr. Garcia for doing all he has regarding gender neutral bathrooms. Nicole also stressed that time is important and moving the conversation forward beyond Linden.

III. Open meeting law: Front Door to school will open at 5:30pm and stay open until 6:10pm so anyone who wants to attend will have access.

IV. School Site Council Composition- Tamie Duong stepped down so our number of parents to educators to parents is now equal at 6 parents to 6 educators/principal.

V. Task Force updates-

a. Data- Working at ways at getting student feedback. Some suggestions were sample group during lunch or meeting in classrooms. More updates to follow at next meeting

b. By Laws- draft should be ready by next meeting and request to reach out to Sonia Miller for input.

c. Communication- reported that they met 1.5 times Sonia Miller and Katie Carter sent out survey to teachers on vision. More updates to be provided at next meeting.

VI. Non- binary restrooms at LSA- Currently converted were two staff bathrooms to non binary restrooms. C wing of 3rd floor and A wing of 2nd floor. Lock was removed and now have mechanisms in door that show red for occupied and green for available. Staff do have a key for safety reasons. In addition new signs were purchases as well and put up.

VII. Linden RIDES team update- through Harvard more information can be found at <https://rides.gse.harvard.edu/>. From their website RIDES works with school districts to promote diversity, equity, and true integration. Currently, in phase one Principal Garcia and Lisa Hannifan are part

of the initial team and working within the team, the next phase for it to move to Linden. It is a process that takes time. Also, mentioned adding this work to the innovation plan.

Next meetings are Feb 11th at 5:45pm and tentative date for March 11th at 5:45pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm