

LSA Site Council Notes  
Organization: School Site Council  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar  
Requested By: Rafael A. Garcia, Linden School Principal

Agenda 2.9.2021

Attendees:

- Rafael Garcia
- Rachana Gray
- Lisa Hanifan
- Cynara Cannatella
- Eden Garhart-Smith
- Elaine Elliott
- Jasna Nightingale
- Kymberly Bryson
- Julie Jones
- Stacey Scott
- Heather Provenzano

## **1. Welcome**

## **2. Public Comment**

No one was in the waiting room for public comment.

## **3. Approval of the minutes from December 10, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes.

Minutes were approved.

## **4. Principal's Report**

- First Friday Friend-zy held on 1/29/21:
  - Worked with students within their grades or paired up with other grades.
  - Played games, read stories, talk to classmates/peers/staff.
- 2/1 K-2 hybrid model begins
  - Return day delayed due to weather. Blue cohort returned 2/8.
  - Gold cohort returned on 2/4.
  - Going well. Students are happy to be back. Students are so happy to have lunch in the cafeteria.
  - Mr. Garcia has found monitoring lunch really fun. Loves talking to them.
- Project 351 Ambassadors from the Linden this year
  - Independent, nonprofit organization. Looking for service leaders.
  - 2 students were selected by their teachers.
- 2/24 Guest Author: Lesa Cline-Ransome
  - Malden Native

- Reading to students in Gr. 1-3
- PTO purchased books for teachers to read with students.
- Thank you to PTO & Ms. Weldai for making this happen.
- PD on 2/12--no school for students
- Vacation 2/15-2/19
- Report Cards available on 2/22--mailed and/or available on X2

## 5. New Items

- **How was the K-2 student return?**
  - Ms. Elliott thought everything fell into place. She felt very supported. The K team is a strong team and builds on each other's strengths and supports one another's areas of need. Very small class size. Finding ways to ensure equity for all students. They are doing well wearing masks and adapting to technology within the classroom. Lunch staff is incredible! Exploratories in the classroom is going well.
  - Ms. Hanifan echoes much of what Ms. Elliott said. She has 11 that come in person. The students were so excited to be in person. Mask wearing was not an issue. Students would ask for breaks as needed. Happy to be able to help students with writing in person with mechanics as well as craft. One challenge is managing the dynamic between in person and online students to ensure maximum engagement. Also, happy to be able to hand supplies to students, such as paper and books, rather than only using digital resources. Supplies have been organized by student.
  - Ms. Cannatella shared that from a parents' point of view of two K students in remote school all went very well.
  - Ms. Nightingale shared that her 2nd grade student was over the moon excited to be back in person, even only with one other student in class with him.
  - Ms. Gray asked how recess went.
    - Gr 1 has assigned designated areas for each class during recess. Students ran around in their designated spot.
  - Ms. Bryson shared that it's great to have students back in the building. She noted that the signage in the building has changed a lot to support social distancing. Teachers are reacclimating students to the building as well as sharing updates on changes.
- **Is there a vaccination update for teachers?**
  - Proposed date was 2/4 for teachers that had been in person since October but that was cancelled.
  - Vaccinations have not been rescheduled.
- **Read Across America**
  - Ms. Provenzano shared ideas that she's consulting with administrators on, including but not limited to:
    - Mystery reader challenge with teachers reading pages of a book & classes guessing.
    - Virtual Buddy Reading--possible to connect with Friday Friend-zy?

- Virtual Mystery readers from the community, including families, prerecorded, shared with teachers, and presented during class time.
  - Book Bingo to encourage a wide range of reading as individuals and/or as classes
- **New Items Suggested for upcoming meetings**
  - Substitute teachers?
    - Currently when a teacher is out asynchronous work is posted for students.
    - Mr. Garcia shared that it is difficult to get substitute teachers
      - He is hoping to add subs smore after vacation
      - He will need subs to shadow classes before facilitating online/in person
  - Thoughts on school wide Celebration to end 20-21 school year?
    - Would it be possible to celebrate with classes/families virtually?
    - Spring 2020:
      - K had a virtual celebration
      - 8th grade had driveby celebration
    - Many unknowns at this point.
    - Mr. Garcia said we'll plan for everything and adapt the plans as we know what's possible.
    - Ms. Gray would love the closure for her 8th grade student.
      - Ms. Bryson suggested a walk around the school rather inside the school. Virtual art show is a great way to adapt to online learning.
  - All visitors must be approved by Superintendent and Board of Health before being allowed to enter. Will need to follow protocols.
  - Mr. Garcia would like all members to think about 1 event that they'd like to see at Linden to celebrate the year. In addition, please think through some of the details to make the event possible.
  - Ms. Garhart-Smith suggested a trivia, jeopardy, or game night for students/families to participate in.
    - Consider adding Linden and Malden specific trivia.
    - Where can game night resource be found? Kahoot? Premade jeopardy?
    - Easy trivia for kids
    - Kids can submit questions
    - Check w Salemwood teachers on how to run a virtual Trivia night

## **6. Next Meeting dates identified**

3/9/21

4/6/21

## **7. Personal Privilege**

- Ms. Cannatella would like to say thank you for Friday Freind-zy. Her kids loved it and were so happy to participate.

- Ms. Provenzano worked with Gr. 3 and loved the opportunity to work with students in a non-academic setting. The students made connections and had friendly conversations that would typically happen during unstructured school times.
- Ms. Gray thought it was great to see her own children make friends with students across the school as well as to see former teachers and to meet future teachers.
- Ms. Elliott said it was great to have all the K students together in one Google meet.
- Mr. Garcia would like to thank all involved that made hybrid learning possible.

## **8. Adjournment**