

Linden STEAM Academy  
School Site Council Meeting  
4/29/21

Attendees: R. Garcia, L. Hanifan, E. Garhart-Smith, C. Cannatella, E. Elliott, J. Nightingale, K. Bryson, R. Gray, & H. Provenzano

1. Welcome

- Welcome from Ray.
- Acknowledgement that it's been a delay since our last meeting.
- Proposed having 2 meetings in May and one in early June.

2. Public Comment

- Invited public comment.
- John Maiara invited to speak. Shared that he is attending as part of the public.
- Priscilla:

3. Approval of the minutes from February 9, 2020

- Motion to accept minutes.
- Minutes approved.

4. Principal's Report

- Welcome new staff to Linden:
  - New family Liaison Genesis Lacen: Engaging family, including technology workshops, writing resumes, etc. Will be in the building if possible or over Zoom. She'll be sending welcome letter to the community.
  - Classroom support: Laura Hanks & Genevieve Sinacola
- O'Connor Studio took photos @ Linden on Monday 4/26. Tents were set up both inside and outside. Both in person and remote students had pictures taken. Retake day will be scheduled in 4 weeks or more.
- Report Cards went out on X2.
- Gr. 6-8 ACCESS taking place this week.
- Next week is Educator Appreciation Week. We're celebrating everyone next week!
- Celebrated Administrative Assistant Day last week
- Spirit Day on May 4---May the Fourth be with you. Students and staff are invited to wear Star Wars gear.
- MCAS will be taking place from May 10-21 for students in Gr. 3-8 both in person and remotely.

5. Update on Family/Celebration Events

- Ideas for celebrations at the end of the year.
- Exhibition night is not possible this year.
- Eden: What about a field day? Smaller numbers included, spread over multiple days?
  - Possible if we break up grades, K-4 and 5-8 or even smaller
- Elaine: K celebration altogether seems difficult
  - Celebrate classes individually outside?
  - Rachana suggested inviting vaccinated parents. Concern with privacy & equity issues.
- Story Walk
- Virtual Game Night
- Outdoor moving up day--Meet & Greet with next grade level teachers.
- 8th Grade Walk
  - Is it possible this year?
  - Have teachers stand outside their classroom doors?

6. School Improvement Plan

- Currently working on all actions in the plan currently.

- Current situation is hindering us from fully acting on all points.
- Eureka Math is currently K-5, rather than K-8.
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- Data analysis and meetings will be more rigorous next year.
  - Data this year has varied from home to school.
  - We have collected data, analyzed the current data, and provided support.
- Elaine added that the daily SEL has been great this year. She hopes it continues.
- PBIS has been up and running this year.
- SEL is up and running this year. Stacey has spearheaded this initiative; it's off to a great start and will continue to grow.
- Diverse Equity Instruction is also getting going. The RIDES team has attended trainings, continuing to meet, and spreading that work with staff/students.
  - Cynara asked if we're analyzing data based on subgroups to determine effectiveness.
  - Liaison will be building on this work.
    - Ray will invite Genesis to next meeting.
  - Positive aspect of remote learning was that teachers/staff reached out to families this fall.
  - Offering virtual meetings was a great way to connect with families.
- Ray is looking into additional grants to expand PBL going forward.
- Motion to approve SIP.
  - SIP approved.

#### 7. New Items for Next Meeting

- Uniform policy: Policy was suspended for one year. What will policy be going forward?
- Elections
- Recess
- Next Meeting Date: 5/13 @ 6:00, 5/26 @ 6:30

#### 8. Personal Privilege

- Ray thanked everyone for being so patient and working so hard.

#### 9. Adjournment

