



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Minutes of Ferryway School Council Meeting

October 26, 2021

3:30 PM

Ferryway School Library

Attendance:

7/10 Members Present

- ✓ Michael Ciampa, Principal, Chair
- ✓ Erin Bennett, Teacher
- ✓ Kathy Cutting, Teacher
- ✓ Kristen Haggerty, Teacher
- ✓ George Weithman, Teacher
- ✗ Juliet Nalube, Parent
- ✓ Maria Lopes, Parent
- ✗ Moumita Das, Parent
- ✗ TBD, Parent
- ✓ Elisha Thomas, Community Member

1. What is School Council?
 - a. Role of School Council
 - b. Introduction of present members
 - c. Vision of the Ferryway School
2. Selection of Co-Chair (parent role) - TBD when all parents are present
3. Accomplishments:
 - a. Approximately 71% of students returned for in person learning Spring '21
 - b. All but 3 ELA, 14 Math & 21 Science MCAS tests were taken Spring '21
 - c. New Social/Emotional Program Empowering Minds for K-8 (pilot in gr. 3 is going well)
 - d. Monthly Faculty Meetings; SY 21-22 focus on Empowering Minds and Culturally Responsive Teaching & the Brain -Z. Hammond



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4. Current Concerns:

- a. Lack of space/ capacity within the school building
- b. Increasing class sizes
- c. Increasing number of non-English students & how to support
- d. Inappropriate, consequential student behavior - how are we managing it?
- e. Bridging the Home/School connection & closing the gap of engaged/disengaged parents - Do Parents Know they Matter?

5. Next Steps:

- a. Review the district vision to help align Ferryway's vision with the district
- b. Create a new school vision for Ferryway
- c. Attempt to combine PTO & School Council meeting dates to allow for better representation of school personnel at PTO meetings
- d. Utilize systemic advocacy for Ferryway as needed