

## LSA Site Council Notes 1/12/22

Attendees: Ray Garcia, Elaine Elliott, Lisa Hanifan, Kevin Graham, Rachel Running, Elaine Corpuz, & Heather Provenzano

- I. Approve Minutes from 12/21
  - A. Approved.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Updates
  - A. SRO on leave right now. We'll talk to SRO when he's back to address traffic concerns in the circle.
  - B. Family Liaison, Genesis Lacen, will meet with the council & the families that join our meeting
  - C. COVID updates will be shared by central office and/or Head Nurse, Patti Trammondozzi
- IV. Principal's Report
  - A. This Friday we have an early dismissal at 12:30. There will be lunch provided. The staff will have professional development
  - B. COVID vaccination clinic at SW 10-4 ages 5+ for 1st, 2nd, or booster. All vaccines available.
  - C. No school on Monday 1/17/22 in observance of Martin Luther King Day
  - D. Sergeant O'Brien will be a liaison between Linden and the Malden Police Department. He'll be building relationships with our students, making connections within the community, and providing connections to resources within the community. This will be in addition to Officer Trent working with the Linden School and MPS.
  - E. Question from Rachael: What is the purpose of Sergeant O'Brien's partnership? He will be a resource to students, staff, and families.
  - F. Question from Elaine: Can you elaborate on the traffic concerns? Ray will work with the police department to keep traffic flowing and to improve safety.
    1. Follow up from Rachel: Concern that the police officer is leaving too early and/or not out of the car directing traffic.
  - G. Question from Kevin: For what's going on with COVID, I'm satisfied with the nurses at Linden. She's going above and beyond. She's personally helped the Graham family and that's appreciated.
    1. Ray added on that our Linden nurses are working hard and working outside of school of school hours. They're doing an amazing job!
    2. Rachel asked if there are resources to help with contact tracing. Ray

shared that he, Linden admin, and central office staff are collaborating with contract tracing.

3. Elaine asked for some clarification on current COVID policies.
  - a) Nurses are providing as much information as possible.
4. Kevin echoed Elaine's feeling of confusion with current COVID policies and changing policies.
5. Kevin asked what is being done to adjust to the new normal of COVID.
  - a) Ray shared that we're taking care of ourselves and others. We're all wearing masks. We're washing our hands & sanitizing. We're social distancing when possible.

#### V. School Improvement Plan

- A. Ray shared SIP on screen. Written based on former central office administration expectations. Revised from Innovation plan and mission statement
- B. Linden will be re-assessing at the end of the year.
- C. Elaine asked: How are the Esser funds being used to target the Improvement plan?
  1. Esser funds are used to fund math assistants to support Linden students for the year. Math assistants are pushing into math block
  2. Heather shared that books are being purchased to improve our literacy close to include high interest texts that reflect our students and community.
  3. Rachel shared that there's a possibility of more funding coming in from the government.
  4. Kevin asked what would instruction around good citizenship look like? He hopes it will be seeded at this age so that it will grow into
    - a) Connected to our PBIS system K-8.
    - b) Hoping to have all teachers trained in the same project based learning program to create common language
    - c) SDGs are sustainable development goals are being explored in Grade 7. Additional grade levels are exploring SDGs.
  5. Kevin asked about how students are encouraged to talk about
    - a) Lisa shared that she uses many picture books to discuss race, diversity, pronouns, self-identity, as well as learning styles to encourage students to be proud of themselves and who they are. Lisa wants all students to be comfortable and accepted within her class and within the school community. She hopes students are flexible, forgiving, and accepting. The first grade team has a goal to incorporate more diverse books.
    - b) The Linden community is working towards being more inclusive. Ray shared that we're not where we want to be but we are making progress towards being more inclusive with

- our instruction and practices.
- c) Elaine shared that SEL is part of all schedules, which has been helpful. The K team is continuing with daily SEL lessons. Elaine shared how the skin colored crayon box was exciting for students to see that the shared actually matched their skin.
6. Rachel is curious about the emphasis this vision has on STEAM now that the Malden schools are no longer specialized.
    - a) Ray shared that we have the largest Makers Space thanks to a \$75,000 grant a few years ago. This space includes 3D printers, laser cutters, robotics, etc.
    - b) Partnership with GE and Boston Celtics afforded more resources for that STEAM space in 2019-2020.
    - c) Elaine shared that district expectations have shifted which has somewhat limited the depth and breadth of STEAM instruction, especially within the classrooms.
    - d) Suggestion to share more about STEAM and the Makerspace with Linden families.
  7. Elaine C. suggested the language in the next SIP for goal #3
  8. Rachel asked for some additional information on Tier 1 and Tier 2
  9. Elaine C. asked if there's a school-wide plan to share data with families. Is there a one page form to share with families, similar to the MCAS mailer, for iReady and/or IXL?
    - a) Heather shared that directors are looking into sharing data over Aspen but that hasn't been coordinated yet. She also explained that teachers & coaches are happy to share data and/or meet to explain that data.
  10. Kevin asked how COVID affects our goals.
    - a) Ray shared that we're finding different ways of doing things to continue to meet our goals.
  11. Elaine C. asked about Action 5 Item B—is this in hopes that all teachers will be trained by the end of 2022?
    - a) Ray confirmed that through a variety of PD opportunities, we are aiming to train all staff by the end of 2022.
  12. Rachel asked for more information about RIDES.
    - a) Ray explained that this started as a group of 5 Linden staff interested in engaging families. RIDES stands for Reimagining Integration: Diverse and Equitable Schools.
    - b) The roll out has been adjusted and
    - c) The goal is to have more events that celebrate our diversity and are more inviting. Some of that was happening but we're hoping to expand upon and refocus on.
    - d) Elaine C. asked what events have occurred to celebrate

diversity?

- (1) Ray shared that it's happening within classrooms. He's hoping to expand events when possible, including celebrating diversity with food when possible.
  - (2) Elaine asked if the family liaison is a one year position or if it will continue and/or expand.
  - (3) Elaine asked if translators will continue to be available for conferences.
  - (4) Elaine asked if school themes will be upkept. Ray shared that they will not. The focus will be on ensuring neighborhood schools have the resources they need to meet the needs of the school community.
13. Elaine C asked if languages will be brought to all K8 schools, as stated by the superintendent in the School Committee.
- a) Will the community have input on the language offered?
  - b) When this might be implemented?
14. Elaine C asked how participation has been this year with the goal of 85%.
- a) Ray shared that about 60% of families participate in social events. He's hoping for increased attendance in the more academic events.
  - b) Ray shared Exhibition night was a full house in 2019.
  - c) Rachel shared that it would be great to find creative ways to celebrate as a school safely, outside.
  - d) Ray shared that the 8th grade moving on ceremony was non-traditional but it was one of the best events. Much of the feedback preferred this ceremony.
  - e) Elaine asked if the time for Title I events could be adjusted to allow for more participation.
  - f) Ray would like to return to coffee & conversation with the Linden administration.

#### VI. New Items

- A. Suggestion to follow up on items note above that have not been addressed.
- B. Next meeting will be on 2/9/22. Plan for Zoom Meeting.
- C. Agenda will be shared.

#### VII. Adjournment