

## **School Site Council**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
Linden STEAM Academy Library

### **Members Present**

Rafael Garcia-Principal  
Julie Jones-Vice Principal 5-8  
Kevin Graham-Parent  
Rachael Running-Parent  
Elaine Corpuz-Parent  
Lisa Hanifan-Teacher  
Elaine Elliott-Teacher

***Introductions from each member present were shared.***

Agenda directed by Ray stating the following:

1. Requests for assigned roles
  - Elaine Torpez agreed to become the Co-Chair-Ray explained the responsibilities.
  - He will ask Heather if she is interested in continuing to take minutes.
  - He would like to include a student representative and Community Representative to the council.
2. Norm Setting for council members
  - being on time-*Wescott entrance will be open for each meeting*
  - be respectful
  - equal voice should be given to all
3. Principal's Report
  - Good turnout for conferences and families appreciated being able to visit their child's classrooms.
  - Many students continue to struggle and all available resources to support them are in place daily.
  - PTO enjoyed sponsoring the Holiday Gift Sale and the students were eager shoppers!
  - Early Dismissal is at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 23, 2021. The building is closing at 11:30 AM so all staff, including the custodians, are able to leave to be with their families.
  - Robert's Rules will be established
  - Ray will send another group email for the next meeting.
  - Set times for next meeting-***January 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM in person. It was decided that meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month.***
4. Topics for Next Meeting Suggested by Parents and Teachers
  - Discuss thoughts/concerns with the traffic circle-Ray said he will talk with our SRO.
  - Invite Genesis, our Family Liaison, to share how things are going.
  - Invite a Middle School Teacher to share information about the Middle School.
  - Communicate/update the current situation on Covid in our school.

- Discuss inclusion, citizenship process here. Elaine Corpuz relayed concern about the Superintendent's recent email on conduct in our schools.
- Current school wide initiatives related to Social Emotional Well Being are "lunch bunch", Golden Tickets, monthly PBIS Meetings and updates, and social emotional lessons included in the curriculum. Suggested to inform parents on progress of these initiatives as well as how detention works.
- What could the possibilities be to raise more money for our school?
- Provide information on our Literacy Program.
- School Committee-*was mentioned but do not recall in what regard.*
- Improve School Culture-Class Dojo is working well, Connect-Ed is in place when necessary, thought on how to stream-line tweets?

5. Ray's Suggestion before the next meeting

- Look through the School Improvement Plan to prioritize and guide our direction as a School Council for the upcoming year.