

## Linden Site Council, November 9, 2022

In attendance:

- Ray Garcia
- Keri Gangemi
- Danielle Gaudette
- Elaine Corpuz
- Rachael Running

1. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from October 2022
2. School improvement plan: a presentation was made by Mr. Garcia
  - a. There were disruptions the last couple of years that presented challenges
  - b. New baseline for moving forward is higher than it was previously
  - c. Data on SGP, specific grade/subjects was given - see presentation for details
  - d. While scores dropped from 2019 to 2020, they came back up in many grades and content areas in 2021, pointing to the interventions at the school, including literacy and math assistants
  - e. Linden currently has 4 literacy and 3 math assistants
  - f. Elaine: question on writing in the curriculum vis a vis MCAS
    - i. There are district-wide writing prompts
    - ii. The new curriculum allows more creativity in writing
    - iii. iReady does not cover writing - only reading
  - g. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be updated this year as a bridge year with many components staying the same but new targets and accompanying goals written
3. Principal's Report
  - a. Fri 11/11 no school for Veterans day
  - b. Nov 21-23 will be Spirit Week: Monday: pajama day, Tuesday: blue and gold day, Wednesday: sports day
    - i. Blue and gold day is on Malen High's football game day at Fenway. Go to Redsox.com for \$20 tickets
  - c. Wed 11/23 - early release, 11am dismissal. No school 24 or 25th for Thanksgiving
  - d. 1st Quarter report card night is Nov 30: 5:30-7pm
4. New items:
  - a. Elaine: learning more about the new curriculums - Victoria Mulkern said she could come back and present. Ray: will ask her to come back for next meeting
  - b. Rachael: Where are we with extra curriculars and clubs, band, foreign language?
    - i. There are plans to start music club after school - 2 concerts in winter (February, most likely) and spring. Stand alone, not on report card night. Grades 4-8
  - c. Band: teachers working on recruiting and having by grade level. Could be after school rather than during the day

- d. Foreign language: equity audit in the district prior to covid showed differences in offerings among the schools. We were supposed to bring in those teachers to get a foreign language taught at Linden. Still working on it. Looking at different models - Could share a language teacher with another school, for example.
  - e. Parent volunteers would be welcome once we have the music club set up
  - f. Discussion on the possibility of allowing family volunteers in the afterschool program to teach a language class or at another time. Using the space at Linden to host the enrichment.
5. Mr. Garcia acknowledged that 3 phone calls this week were made this week:
- a. A knife was found in the building.
  - b. A student had a letter opener resembling a knife and received consequences.
  - c. A utility knife might have been left behind by a facility worker.
  - d. There are Consequences for bringing in even toy weapons and staff regularly check in with students who seem sad or distressed. Guardians: please inform students that they can't bring toys/weapons to school. Families can help make school safer.
  - e. Phone/email messages won't be made immediately unless there is any danger but parents will be updated later in the day.
6. Date for next meeting: December 14th, via zoom if possible, or hybrid.

**Motion to adjourn made and carried at 6:58pm**