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## **Linden Site Council**

**May 10, 2023**

**Zoom**

**The meeting began at 6:00pm**

### **I. Roll Call**

In attendance:

- Ray Garcia,
- Danielle Gaudette
- Keri Gangemi
- Elaine Corpuz
- Lindsay McCluskey
- Rachael Running

### **II. Planning for SSC Elections for School Year 23-24**

- A discussion took place about increasing awareness about the Site Council, running for the site council and the fall Site Council elections.
- It was decided that Elaine will speak to the PTO about creating a flyer. The flyer will contain information about the council and how to run for seats.
- Mr. Garcia will distribute the flyer this spring as well as August and then after the new school year begins.
- Elaine will work with the PTO on dates but it was decided that Back to School Night (tentatively 9/13/23) would be a good night for in person voting.
- A google form vote should also be made available and voting should be open for several days.
- It was decided that we will add one additional teacher seat and one additional parent/caregiver seat to the Council.
- Information about the site council and PTO will be covered during kindergarten orientation and integrated as possible. Dojo, which translates information for families, and possibly blackboard connect can be utilized as well.

**III. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April minutes - motion carries**

### **IV. Principal's Report**

- The safety training went well. K-4 teachers secured rooms while the kids were in the auditorium asking questions of the officers.
- Teachers were also able to ask questions of the Malden Police.
- Grades 5-8 secured their rooms successfully.
- A form went out to students and teachers so they could ask additional questions.



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Answers are being processed.

- Mr. Garcia recommends a tiger timeline next time with Administration training in August, staff training in September and student training in October. This is a district decision.
- Rachael requested that this body ask the central office to communicate better and earlier about future trainings. All agreed.
- It was decided that we will discuss this topic again in June and if the district hasn't announced timeline for future trainings, the Linden Site Council will consider making a

written or verbal request to School Committee and/or the central office for better communication and parent information about future safety drills.

**V. Announcements and New Items**

- **Upcoming Dates**

- 5/12: multicultural night
- 5/17: 5-8 progress reports go out
- 5/29: no school for Memorial Day
- 6/9: Kindergarten moving up ceremony
- 6/13: field day - volunteers needed - contact the PTO or classroom teachers
- 6/14: field day rain date
- 6/15: 8th grade moving up ceremony and dance
- 6/16: last day of school/11am dismissal

- Elaine asked if the playground area - specifically the hockey court - could be painted by students, perhaps organized by the student government. The area is run down and looks bad.

- Mr. Garcia spoke with Jadeane Sica the Ward 8 rep who said that some of the paneling might be replaced. There might be plans for an ice rink to replace that structure entirely but the timeline and status of that project is unknown.

- Our next and final Site Council meeting of the year will be 6/14 at 6pm

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**VI. A motion to adjourn passed at 6:48pm**