

SSC Meeting Minutes, Feb 8th, 2018

Little Theatre 4:30PM

Approving minutes from the last meeting

Max's report: FMS 2016- 2017 school data presentation

Mr. West: Next Wed will receive the the School Site Budget and anticipated enrollment (SPED, ELL, funding)

- Making changes on BSC
- Analyzing BSC
- We would like to hire two extra math teachers
- Based on the data presented our African American and Latino students continue to perform low on tests.
- I will explore with other teachers culturally responsive teaching
- Buy more books
- Provide classroom support for teachers

Hilda: Some teachers are giving more homework than others. My son doesn't want to go to school, he is stressed out because he can't finish his homework. Classrooms are crowded and have small chairs, kids make fun of him.

Ms. Collins: I will reinforce what Hilda just said. I have twins and do see a huge difference between teachers and **homework**. Not that every teacher has to teach the same. We may have some norms around the amount of time spend on homework and amount of classes who give homework.

I wonder how can we involve students in this conversation. We need focus groups, social emotional, academic support math clubs and meanwhile kids should have fun not feel like in remediation classes. Growth mindset needs to be enforced while grading.

Angela: I see a lot of kids with phones around the school
How can let the kids reading more?

Ms. Noe: We can't take their phone the more they are on the phone less reading they are doing.

Hilda: Play games for example Khan Academy - learning and playing.

A lot of parents don't come to the meeting there is no translation I am happy that there is a translation today.

Mr. West: We had it happen only once. We have support on that.

Ms. Collins: On that note since black families are small group, I do feel that there is a lower Latino and Spanish speaking families. How about having a Latino families space for coffee and chat?

Ms. Personius: I wonder what would happen if we have a parent liaison who will be working with this small group to improve communication. Also, between the families at the school.

Mr. West: Washington High School has two part-time family liaison.

Crystal: I want to hear from students more about homework.

Antonio (student): HW is only reinforcement - for example, for one of my teachers HW takes 75 min, sometimes is 1.5 hours per project. What teachers can't finish in class they give it for homework.

Isabella (student): HW it's not excessive at all for me I learn in class.

Sarah (student): I like classwork because I can ask a teach in class. But, at home I don't have who to ask.

Crystal: Maybe there is way for teachers to inform the parents where to get help on HW.

Mrs. Dal Santo: Maybe break it up - Monday math, Wed English.

Hilda: My kid has HW everyday in all the classes. I went to college at Mexico what we study here is different. Also when I get home I am tired I don't have patience to work with him.

Mr. West: I would love to get ideas you have for the school. We'll be writing the BSC and I want to know how to spend money for the next school year.

Ms. Noe: One-one technology online portfolios student could be doing much more engaging projects, if we had a Chromebooks in the classroom.

Ms. Collins: My daughters want to participate in a garden club it's a community service.

Antonio (student): A program who gives a chance to students who are in an year long elective such as AVID, orchestra to do CS. ELL students to do CS, as well.

Mrs. Dal Santo: Having ½ Latino & ½ Chinese speaking family liaison.

Hilda: In the past we had a place for the parents, HW space help to tell the kids to study and how to manage their time. More like a HW club and have couple different teachers.

Mrs. Dal Santo: AIM HIGH had a parent night, I have a good poster for the step-up.

Mrs. Vazquez: What's going on with the step-up?

Ms. Aymakoglu: I propose to the Health & Wellness center to bring essential oils they are very useful.

Mrs. Collins: How can we move sexual harassment and bullying to the beginning of the school year?

Mr. West: We need to do more work around Common Sense media and social media.

Ms. Collins: Communicate that with parents.

Ms. Noe: Block schedule the research is really strong.

Hilda: Support on how to use social media? In the past I brought yoga person. He is open to come again.

Crystal: Do you have some sort of program for suicide prevention?

Mrs. Collins: Do we have enough support for paraprofessionals?

Hilda: Abuse physical abuse, counseling.

Ms. Monova: Math teachers provide HW support after school on regular basis.

Mrs. Personiu: I have kids who are staying in my room until 4:30 doing HW, but they don't want to go to BEACON.

**Mr. West: School Planning Summit is on March 3rd at Everett MS
Thank you all!**

Adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM