

## School Site Council

Minutes: October 18, 2016

**Present:** Jason Ciccariello, Liz Aljammal, Kristen Marriott, Mike Sabin, Liz McCarthy, Patricia Barrios, Chris Gelinas, Ismael Colon, Maggie Simeone, Jim Mastin, Melissa Jones, Elizabeth Lear

### Positive Parent - Teacher Interaction

- Liz M- series of positive interactions at Parent Open House, creative and already new son
- Elizabeth L- Open House went well, 8E ELA had a student doing Spanish translation, Amanda Muse has been an amazingly responsive teacher and so caring
- Ismael- Has not had any negativity so far. Email interactions with families have been great. Great open house turnout.
- Patricia- Open House went very well. I love how the atmosphere between the students and teachers is very kind.
- Melissa J- Positive interaction was during the two coffee talks where she got to talk with parents and explain the goals of the cafeteria.
- Maggie- Lots of positive email exchanges. One assignment was a chance for parents to write about their child and this opened some great communication.
- Kristen- One interaction was at Open House in the Grade 7 science room. Looks like a great classroom. Material was being presented in a more complex manner and more hands-on than in the past.
- Chris- Impressed by how hard the teachers are working on the portals. He knows this takes a lot of work. Allows him to talk to his son and ask him to advocate for himself and set goals.
- Liz- Positive interaction on a monthly basis with the fantastic nurse Ms. Tiberio. She is wonderful.
- Jason- Lots of positive email exchanges. Lots of support from parents for what is happening.
- Jim- She has had a fantastic transition. She feels like she has been here for ever. School staff have been working hard to resolve the ongoing bus issues. Ms. Stanton has been fabulous and Amelia absolutely loves that class and quotes her at home.

### SSC Minutes:

No additions or deletions

Minutes approved

### SSC Elections

We reviewed the election process.

Teacher elections took place and Maggie Simeone and Daphne Meredith were elected as voting members.

Laura Golitko was elected as an alternate member.

Mike talked about state law related to SSC elections and the importance of holding these elections.

### **Website Review**

Jason shared some elements of the website and ways that he is working to improve communication.

He showed the list of activities on the drop down menu. Parents suggested including “Coming Soon” or “Update coming in December” so that parents would know if it was working.

We discussed creating a Google Calendar and having coaches enter their games so those would be available.

We reviewed overall communication and the fact that parents can count on an updated website, the Friday Update, and the Portals Plus.

We realized that Mr. Maillis and a few other teachers needed to be added to multiple clusters.

We looked at the Buzz and parents shared what a great resource that was.

### **Quality School Plan**

We reviewed data on mathematics, special education, attendance, literacy, and science.

We interpreted several graphs together as a group, looking at some improvements and also seeing that patterns continued in math and special education to justify continued focus in those areas.

We broke down into groups to review data on math, special education, and school strengths.

Ideas were added to posters as part of the QSP brainstorming process.

(Items and ideas from these posters were integrated into the action steps that will be reviewed at the November meeting in order to finalize the QSP)

	How did we do?	Action Steps for '16-17
Math		
Special Education		
Strengths (literacy, attendance, science)		