

## School Council Meeting

October 19, 2017

### 1. Call to Order 5:30 pm

Present – Tara Bennett, Keri Vokes, Laura Cummings, Ty Parsons, Taylor Samuelson, Alexandra Hermans, Susan, Tarallo, MaKayla Davis, Troy Cami, Kristen Reid, Leslie Munns, Chris Beyer, Dominic Beyer, Roger Desrosiers, Lily Kimball, Kathy Bien

### 2. Public Comment – none

### 3. Election of new council members – Sue Tarallo, Dominic Beyer, Lily Kimball, MaKayla Davis, Troy Cami, Kathy Bien.

### 4. Election of school council positions

- a. Co-Chair – Sue Tarallo
- b. Recording secretary – Kristen Reid

### 5. School Council Expectations

- Courteous and professional
- Meet monthly from October through May on Thursdays, lasting 60 – 75 minutes
- We review policies, share input and reflections
- Email Chair or Co-chair if there are any topics you would like addressed

### 6. Meeting Dates & Times

November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30

### 7. Review of School Improvement Plan

- Comes from the District Improvement Plan which is a 3 year-plan (2015-2018)
- Continuing process with the data called Data Into Action to increase rigor, provide more opportunities to students, and create common assessments
- We do have a social-emotional goal as part of our improvement plan – building empathy and coping skills
- Our **School Improvement Goal #1** is to use assessment data and shared benchmarks and building a shared culture which incorporates the first two objectives of the District Improvement Plan
  - Staff are utilizing the 5-step process learned last year a minimum of 2 times during this school year

- Teachers work in their PLCs on the data cycle – we start by looking at the data and making notice and wonder statements. Then teachers develop an action plan in which they implement new strategies in the classroom for 3 – 4 weeks. At the end of the implementation, we gather data and reflect on how well it went.
- Everyone is involved – teachers, IAs, all curriculum areas
- School Improvement Goals include action steps with a timeline
- **Goal #2** is based off the District’s Student Learning – it has more of a curriculum focus.
  - Last PD Day, staff worked on this goal by looking at curriculum and alignment to standards & common assessments. Looked at how to develop activities that combine multiple standards together.
  - Teachers utilized Bloom’s Taxonomy when looking at the types of questions we are asking students to make sure we are increasing rigor and apply skills to real-world applications.
  - Students said that having real-world connections help them to understand better
- **School Improvement Goal #3** – teacher lead in different areas such as presenting best practices at Faculty meeting, presenting PD takeaways at PLC, teachers holding sessions on various topics for other teachers
- **School Improvement Goal 4** – based on family and community engagement. Focus on social-emotional learning.
  - exSEL – Excellence through social-emotional learning, state-initiative. 36 districts applied, we were one of 9 that were chosen
  - Meeting with other districts in EXSEL October 30<sup>th</sup>, will update at next meeting

8. Goals for 2017-2018

- Review schedule, not revamping
- Review Program of Studies
- Review Budget
- Review Student Handbook
- NEASC – accreditation that happens every 10 years, team comes in and reviews our leadership, instruction, curriculum, assessment. Very reflective process as we go through the self-study. We are scheduled for October 2018.
- Social Emotional Learning – how we can better support students and staff

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business

- Clubs need a bigger/broader experience for the students
- More clubs with more advisors, students, promotion, presentation at the beginning of the year
- Field Trip Guidelines – overall there are not many field trips; need these for students to learn and to take a breather and enjoy the day
- Millbury Parents Club have help with supporting initiatives for field trips
- Looking to bring in peer mentoring next year
- Set up tables for clubs during CDS, like the College Fair is set up vs. during lunch
- Students would like to see more promotion of outside activities – such as Boy Scouts; bringing community opportunities into the school

- Woolie News – show during CDS?
11. Next School Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30
  12. Adjournment 7:00 pm