

PRMS School Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

SGC Members Present: Eva Beau, M.J. Chironna (co-chair), Joe Giandurco, Angelica Goldblatt, Laurie Hall, Ena Jain, Amy Jeffereis, Ellen Knapp, James Lynch (acting administrator), Mayra Quispe

Team Members Absent: Dawn Greco, Jill Katkocin, Damon Lewis (co-chair), Jamie Matis, Jennifer Montanari, Joe Perella

Next Meeting: April 17, 2018

- Minutes from 1/16/18 and 2/20/18 meetings will be emailed for review and approval (MJ)
- Norwalk ACTS - Community Impact Report (March 2018) was distributed (Amy)
 - Overview and discussion about middle school goals and social/emotional workgroup
- 2018 Excellence in Educational Support Nomination
 - SGC would like to select both Luis and Lisa.
 - If not possible, Lisa D'Acunto will receive the award. SGC discussed, reached consensus and chose Lisa.

Updates:

- 6th Grade Orientation overview (Eva, Mayra)
 - Full house
- School Wellness Initiative (Ena)
 - Incorporate language in student handbook (course description)
 - Eight Modules to complete by May 1st (Joe G.)
 - Already completed 1
 - Completed Module 7 (Health Promotion for Staff)
 - Completed Module 5 (Health Services)
 - Completed Module 4 (Nutrition Services)
 - Could not answer all questions
 - Consult with Dr. Lewis
 - Question 4
 - Question 9
 - Question 14
 - @ Next meeting - complete a) Health Education, b) Physical Education and Other Physical Activity Program, and c) Counseling, Psychological and Social Services
 - Can we reach out to others who may be more knowledgeable in these fields such as guidance counselors, P.E. teacher etc. prior to our next meeting?
 - Joe G. will work on

- Ponus Ridge STEM Magnet School update (Jen via email)
 - Concern over space designated for Teach to One
 - Potential to build a hallway down the center and portion off classrooms
 - A lot of glass - floor to ceiling windows
 - Law Enforcement has looked at and ok'd
 - Kindergarten playground visible from street?
 - How will they serve k-8 lunch in the cafeteria?
- Review SIP before next SGC meeting
 - Color coded
 - Short video demonstrating “circles” in middle school (action item idea for SIP) will be emailed (MJ)
- PTSO
 - No updates
- NFT
 - Dr. Adamowski has proposed decreasing guidance counselors, sports & instructional aides due to budget cuts (Joe. G.)
 - There was discussion about SGC sending a letter to Dr. Adamowski about importance of keeping three guidance counselors along with their responsibilities and how the social/emotional well-being of our middle school students is directly correlated to their work (SIP etc.)
- Hispanic Parent Group Meeting (Angelica)
 - Numbers declining
 - Mr. Tejada will be at next meeting to discuss upcoming tests
- Career Day (Joe G., Ellen)
 - Career Day student survey will be distributed over next couple of weeks
 - At our April meeting we will discuss planning for career day this Spring or next year

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