

PRMS School Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2019

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

SGC Members Present: Brenda Barto, M.J. Chironna, Colleen Connors, Linda Dragotta (co-chair), Joe Giandurco, Ena Jain, Amy Jeffereis, Damon Lewis (co-chair), Jill Katkocin, Rafael Tejada

Team Members Absent: Eva Beau, Marianna Carlisi, Mayra Quispe, Ana Schlager, Jennifer Montanari

Next Meeting May 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from 4/1/19 meeting were approved by SGC and was translated to Spanish by Ana Schlager. The minutes will also be forwarded to the web master.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)/School Improvement Plan

- Mr. Giandurco shared survey results. 575 students took this anonymous survey. Responses show there is a definite desire for students to connect with the PONUS staff and a focus will continue to be strengthening that connection.
- Per Mrs. Chironna, a sub-committee is being put on hold until administration is notified and given information pertaining to the **district-wide initiative** for SEL.
- Mr. Giandurco presented a draft of the Parent/student handbook. He will continue to make modifications as needed before sending it to the Copy Center.
- The SIP revisions were made and student data input. NWEA scores increased for all grades. The goal was for 60% of the students to exceed projected growth and that was accomplished.
 - 6th Grade: ELA: 59% Exceeded/met goal. MATH: 46% Exceeded/met goal
 - 7th Grade: ELA 59% Exceeded/met goal. MATH: 47% Exceeded/met goal
 - 8th Grade: ELA: 70% Exceeded/met goal. MATH: 51% Exceeded/met goal.

Scheduling Changes – Pilot Program

- Next year, homeroom being extended to give teachers more time to focus on mindfulness for students, based on their needs. Every student stays with the same homeroom teacher beginning in grade 6 and continuing through grade 8. This maintains a growing trust and rapport between teacher and student.
- On a daily basis, students will be exposed to (4) 1 hour content areas each day (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies), in addition to 3 electives.
- Each house will be running on a separate schedule and will be switching at different times. Therefore, there will not be any bells notifying students of a switch in classes. Students will only be in class with students in their house and may be with other grades in the related arts classes - with the exception of PE and Health. (Example: 6th graders may be with 8th graders in World Language).
- Students that are in Math and Reading 180 will now have the opportunity to take an instrument, which was something that was not possible in the past.

Summer Academy – Roton – 7/8/19 – 8/9/19

- Letters went home in January regarding the Summer Academy.
 - 8:30am-12:30 pm/ 5 days per week
 - Focus on ELA
 - After School is provided by the Carver Foundation at a cost. Transportation is provided.

Action Items

- Budget Update –Dr. Lewis

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