

## **PRMS School Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

5:30pm – 6:30 p.m.

**Team Members Present:** Pat Jeanetti, Joanna Fabrizio, Colleen Connors, Deb Morelli, Brenda Barto, Keesha Sullivan, Rafael Tejada, Linda Dragota, Eric Niederer, Amy Jeffereis Damon Lewis, Evan Byron

**Next Meeting:** March 4, 2020

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- **Recap of the SGC/BOE Forum Meeting**

- Discussed 3 essential questions across the district:

1. Please reflect on the past school year and consider your SGC's relative strengths and weaknesses? What do you believe to be your council's next level of work?

- Strength: Schools agreed one strength was the goal of all members to support students' achievement.
- Strength: Many students also revised/designed a school compact.
- Strength: Some schools formed subcommittees, to get the most out of the 1 hour monthly meetings. (Example: Career Day Committee, SIP Committee, etc.)
- Weakness: In other schools, some voices were not heard due to strong personalities.
- Weakness: Lack of time.
- Council's next level of work: SEL when students come back to school.

2. What feedback does your SGC have relative to our distance learning model?

- Some didn't feel the students were challenged, while others felt they were not getting the support needed in this environment.
- Students were able to access wifi across districts.
- Lunches provided for students.
- Wanted to recognize the parents are going through emotional instability, not just the children.
- Teachers were doing the best they can do and should definitely be acknowledged, under the circumstances.
- Concerned about grading/progress reports.

3. The Superintendent would like input from councils regarding decision-making concerning budget reductions from the Board's approved 2020-2021 budget request. Would your SGC prefer budget autonomy with regard to making the budget reductions as opposed to the superintendent recommending a final list of cut?

- Everyone agreed they wanted input from councils regarding decision making concerning budget reductions.

Next, the SGC members met with the Board of Education and gave a recap of their findings. Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse Appreciation Day was also recognized.

- **Budget Update**
  - At this point, waiting for word on budget. When Dr. Lewis finds anything out, he will call for a meeting with SGC Members.
  
- **Panorama Survey**
  - A survey was sent out to gauge how distance learning was going (example: Do you have access to wifi?) Most of the Ponus population provided feedback.
  
- **When it Builds Up, Talk it Out Campaign: MJ Chironna**
  - Many families are under additional stress during COVID-19 and especially families with young children and parents of children with specialized needs. There is a PARENT SUPPORT LINE available for families. **833-258-5011**
  - There are resources available for family members.  
[COVID-19 Resources for Families and Community Members.](#)
  
- **What will the school year look like next year?**
  - As of now, there are too many unknowns. We do know there is going to be a huge social emotional impact on the students.

***Next SGC Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.***