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**School Improvement Council**

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**2:30-3:00**

**Members: Erica Yale, Dana Reese, Adam Metz, Mandy Shamblin, Merri Martin, Shannon Brown, Debbie Houser, Mabra Wayman**

- Welcome all SIC members
  - Focus on learning about FMSD & River Trail Elementary
  - Build community partnerships and additional volunteer opportunities
  - Council to better our school so that children become well-rounded citizens
- Compile the Culture Walk Information
  - Pref Goal 3.1 - parent satisfaction with social and physical environment
    - i. By 2026, the percent of parent responses indicating satisfaction with the social and physical environment in their school will be 90% (#19)
    - ii. Mission
      - 1. At River Trail Elementary, we prepare all learners with the skills and mindset to thrive and impact the world.
    - iii. Vision
      - 1. To do this, we will...  
Establish a safe, inclusive, and positive environment where relationships and high levels of learning are valued. We will put children at the forefront of all decisions and will actively collaborate to ensure all Otters reach their fullest potential.
    - iv. Collective Commitments
      - 1. C- Carry the Banner
      - 2. A- All Children Can
      - 3. R- Relationships
      - 4. E- Expect Excellence
      - 5. S- Student First
    - v. Climate Walk
      - 1. Take a newcomer's eye - from the time you enter RTES, do you see and feel this?
        - a. Would like to come back when kids are in the building

- Review the proposed project
  - Identify the items listed by groups from the culture walk
    - Upper Grade Art/Project Work
      1. Update what should be in the halls on display (crafts or writing)
      2. Include a blurb of what the work relates to
    - Lost and Found (moving the space to the door by the recess)
      1. Hang lost and found out at carline
      2. Set a time aside for parents to come do a last claim
      3. Have it stored in a display case at the library so that it looks more enticing and everyone will see if
    - Communal Space Upstairs
    - Decide on a SIC project

- **Communal Space Upstairs (Classroom Lounge)**

Our team decided to focus on ways to better use the space in the common area upstairs to enhance student learning and collaboration.

- Flexible seating
- Reformating furniture
- Outdoor fabric (easy to wash)
- Storytime
- Reader's Theater
- Guest Readers
- Differentiated learning
- Collaborative Learning
- Classroom Presentation Space
- Adding a podium (for debates or classroom celebrations)
- Smartboard
- Are there school funds to develop this project?
- Could we get a donor or a sponsor?
- Ideas
  - Have the PE smartboard for checkout
  - Stairwells are nasty
  - Hang hallway expectations in stairwell