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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: MARCH 20, 2024

TIME: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

PLACE: Community Room

AGENDA

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 14, 2024
2. Recent/Upcoming Events
3. Budget
4. School Improvement Plan – FY24/25 Update
5. Fundraising – Booster Bash
6. Future Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Attendees: Principal Silas Coellner, Samantha Enos (teacher), Therese Valente (teacher), Chrystal Walsh (Mattapoisett parent), Daniel Cooney (Rochester parent), Susan Revell (via Zoom)

SIGN-IN SHEET was shared at the meeting and all attending members signed in.

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-2:34 call to order

-Approval of Minutes: Everyone reviewed last meeting's minutes. Approved with minor edits.

-Recent/Upcoming Events: Silas reviewed the provided documents. Discussed "Student Voice" sessions. Kids like Directed Study but want more time to see particular teachers for particular needs. Started off meeting with Junior Ambassadors, Playbook Initiative, and Student Affairs Committee - hoping to open it up further in the future. SBIRT screening is for drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

-3:00 Susan joined on Zoom - she had been waiting to be admitted.

-Budget: Silas has been at one budget subcommittee since we last met. Towns are having a difficult time balancing their budgets. Silas was asked to look out how we could lose one or two FTE positions and to consider adjusting the way things are done to somehow still get a social worker - same for the high school. Looking like we are going to have a reduction in staff. We currently have two planned retirements - Life Skills - we have to have that position filled. One is

PE. Is there anything we can do in the public hearing? This is when Howie will present the budget to school committee. People can comment.

-Fundraising: Ms. Horan is retiring and she has been the primary person running the Booster Bash fundraiser. She changed it to a 60/40 percentage. We don't have to pay the set up fee because we were a pilot. They will send a person for a week to do the onsite work, so they will run it instead of Karen. The \$16,000 goes to anything where Silas can support kids: field trips, Scope and Survival subsidizing, bus help for Europe Trip, picnic tables in courtyard, assemblies, enrichment, academic team activities.

-School Improvement Plan. Looking at formatting it more like the Strategic plan for the district with a separate Action Plan. It was suggested that the Action Plan piece can be posted next to teacher mailboxes so we can see progress as we go. Silas started to draft next years' School Improvement Plan. We should compare Core Values to District Core Values. One possible idea for meaningful PD is tracking the PD teachers choose at the beginning of the year. Silas will share the draft with us.

-Homework: Digest the draft of the next 2-Year Strategic Plan. Needs to be completed by June. Action Plan by September.

3:46 Meeting Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Chouinard, Assistant Principal