School Council Minutes

10/17/2024 (rescheduled 9/26/2024 meeting)

Members Present: J. McIntosh, G. Arronte, K. Gleason-Haynes, T. Bird, M. Wiley, J. Saulinskas, & P. Gorges

Not Present: n/a

Guests: n/a

1. **Call to Order** at 8:31am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda** – all were in agreement to proceed with the meeting
4. **School Council Training Presentation** – Members received copy prior to meeting; reviewed process and addressed any questions.
5. **Election of Officers:**
    a. Chairperson – T. Bird
    b. Vice Chairperson – G. Arronte
    c. Secretary – P. Gorges

6. **Review of Knox Mission and Vision**

- Discussed Mission and Vision Statement (listed below)
- Vision – included *'staff'* in vision statement so that we are always growing and learning as professionals with learning opportunities through PLC (Professional Learning Communities) and other professional organizations that support our students meeting standards

Mission Statement

Knox Elementary School STEM Academy stakeholders are dedicated to fostering the social, emotional and academic growth of all students. We will cultivate curiosity, critical thinking and create real-world connections through effective teaching strategies and the integration of STEM education. We see challenges as opportunities and believe that a growth mindset will empower students to reach their full potential.

Vision Statement

Knox Elementary STEM Academy empowers all students and staff to reach and expand their potential by fostering a growth mindset, preparing every learner to successfully navigate present and future opportunities as risk takers, collaborators, and critical thinkers.

7. **Leadership Qualities of a Principal**

- Discussed each of the statements listed on Leadership Qualities of a Principal (handout).
- (Handout) – Statement #3 – Assessment – council suggests –> focus on data-driven decisions

- (Handout) – Statement #6 – council suggests –> administrator to continue to be active in the community / district level

CCSD Key Priorities

- **Key Priority #1** – Elevate the Excellence in academics and achievement for all students. (The School Board set 3 year ELA goals elementary-high school.) Audit and deep dive of programs and software being conducted by Superintendent to figure out the resources we need to retain and others to remove from inventory. Looking for cohesiveness across grade levels.

- **Key Priority #2** – Elevate the Excellence in effective School Board – Superintendent Governance. Norms / protocols about communication. Set 14 Student Performance indicators. Live stream work sessions & Board Meeting.

- **Key Priority #3** – Elevate the Excellence in the district's coordination and alignment of goals, systems, and processes. Established regular cabinet meetings & instructional cabinet meetings. They have redefined SLO (School Operations) to ensure we are operating cohesively. Example: School Operations make visits to schools every two weeks. These leaders spend time coaching principals, visiting classrooms, reviewing data, and talking through curriculum.

- **Key Priority #4** – Elevate the Excellence by embracing a high-qualify school environment with high standards, effective supports, and consistent practices.

- **Core Beliefs**
  Statement 1: All students are highly engaged in their education and capable of reaching their full learning potential.
  Statement 2: Employees are trusted and supported as professionals and provided with resources to elevate student outcomes.
  Statement 3: Families and our community are involved partners in student success and can expect all students to receive the best education possible.
  Statement 4: Schools create positive and welcoming environments as well as have clear expectations and accountability in all academic operational areas.

- **3rd grade – Milestones ELA** – *McIntosh shared data about goal setting for literacy by using Milestones scores for "reading at or above" and for "proficient and above." She reviewed the School Improvement Process and shared ELA goals with the Council.*
  *Currently working through SIP (School Improvement Plan) by way of involving teachers in meetings to discuss school-wide goals with admin using data from our students and from district level.

8. **New Business / Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
   *Suggestion for next agenda: Will students have an opportunity to learn keyboarding skills?
   *Look over benchmark scores.
   *Invitation to Rodney Larrotta about school safety.

9. **Adjournment:** 9:43am