

Naramake SGC Agenda and Minutes

Date: 12/2/24

Attending: Jane Wilkins, Diana Guaglione, Christina Mitchell, Michael Stenger, Gina Krajeski, Alissa Helgesen, Kameryn McCoullough, Fernanda Ashberg, Amanada de Miranda, D Farnell, Kate Maurais, Bridget McCallum

[Meeting Link](#)

Objectives	Discussion Notes
Welcome & Introductions	
“Minute taker”	Bridget McCallum
Discussion of SGC Policy--Key Points • Role of Co-Chair • Elect Parent Co-Chair	Any questions about policy doc? Parent Co-Chair - Michael Stenger - Will meet with Jane to discuss agenda Jane does not have voting rights other than tie-breaking
School Accountability Data	Jane sharing data results - Metric that combines different scores and measures that range from test scores to physical fitness results to chronic absenteeism Naramake outperformed the state in many categories What jumps out/do you notice? - Chronic absenteeism is significantly lower than the state - Area of celebration! - Shout out to the attendance team This all comes out to a tiered ranking - Naramake is a tier 2 - There are no tier 1 schools in norwalk, one other tier 2 along with Naramake Big indicator = performance gap between high needs students and “Gap outlier” Last few years we have been tier 3 Last year there was a science outlier - A lot of credit to IB integration for bringing science Question- arts access (no score on ours) - likely a high school measure
School Improvement Plan (goals)	Jane to send document of goals - We can talk about it at future meeting

IB Update	Mrs. Helgesen - IB Coordinator - Her role = take us to authorization in 3 years - First year becoming familiar with the terminology - Last year started building integrated units (everything is transdisciplinary) - This year implementing - Lots of connections! We got a great report from our consultant (great success) - Goal: submit to consultant in december - Getting ready to apply for authorization in March/April Essentially = we are on track! Mrs. Mitchell - New this year - This is new to me! - Enjoying the way the Kindergarteners are interacting and communicating with each other - Nice to see the transdisciplinary units in practice - Helpful for time management Mrs. Guaglione - This feels like a natural way to teach - Happening organically - A bit of work, but creating inquiry based learners Mrs. Helgesen - We are ready! Jane - It works in practice! - There is such excitement around some of the units and content areas Other schools in the district IB? - Roton and Nathan Hale also up for authorization this year - Brien Macmahon / CGS have diploma program
Meeting Dates (add for Feb?)	Upcoming SGC Meetings: ● January: (district training session): WEDNESDAY, 1/8 ● March: Monday, 3/3 ● April: Monday, 4/7 ● May: (district-wide meeting for Co-chairs only) date TBD Discussion about meeting in Jan - Before 1 / 8 meeting during dinner time (half hour before meeting time)
Next Steps: Possible Naramake SGC	Ideas/thoughts - Increasing scope

School Improvement Initiatives (Partnership with PTA) • Playground • Bathrooms • Gym • Others?	- Michael - Awareness that some parents have time and ability to participate but not all do - Can we create an email group or drop box? - How can we create access to give more parents a voice Jane - Want to avoid it becoming a “complaint” box - Must be creative and clear Survey possibly? **remember- parents can join this meeting! Just don’t have voting rights Mrs. Mitchell & Michael to work/brainstorm Other stuff - This group can have a focus(or multiple) - *this group helped initiate the cafeteria remodel - So we all can think about things like playground Playground - Something to think about as NHS construction encroaches on our property / play space - *Diana- when thinking ahead, make sure we think about adaptive equipment - (playgrounds managed by norwalk parks and rec alongside NPS) - Important to think about things like gates - If this is something we move forward with, subcommittees would be created and we would consider all of these things Bathrooms - In the older wing, the bathrooms are quite old Next steps? - List for survey - Work with internal team to involve student input (many fun ways to do this- news, voting along with unit, community meeting- this could be great) - Survey/google form for parents (including blurbs on “why” - maybe pictures too) - Rank answer would provide good data - Option for “other” or suggestion - How many of these things can we accomplish? - Depends on budget		
	Action items	Who?	When?
	Survey for Parents	Michael & Christina	By next meeting
	Student involvement	Internal members	Next meeting