Abbotts Hill Elementary
School Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
Oct. 28, 2024

SGC Members Present: Dr. Roytunda Stabler, Amanda Reynoso, Jill Osmerg, Heather Simerly, Jessica Penn, Dakota Williamson, Livia Muse-Johnson

Welcome
Amanda Reynoso called the meeting to order at 7:23 a.m. We will now begin our October 28, 2024 meeting of the School Governance Council of Abbotts Hill Elementary School. The council welcomes and encourages citizens to attend its meetings to become better acquainted with the programs of Abbotts Hill Elementary School and the role of the School Governance Council. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting but must refrain from interruption or distracting the council proceedings. If there are any questions or information that you have for the Council, you may contact one of the council members after this meeting or plan to speak at one of the meetings that reserves time for public comments. You can find the Council member contact information, meeting dates and agenda on the School Governance page of the Abbotts Hill Elementary School website.

Operational Guidelines and Norms
Remain student-centered in all decisions / Respect ideas and opinions of all council members and participants / Resolve to share responsibility equally / Respect all members communication process

I. Action Items:

Action Item: Approval of Meeting Agenda for October 28 (A. Reynoso)
Livia Johnson motioned for approval of the meeting agenda for August 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Jessica Penn. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes from Sept. 30, 2024 (A. Reynoso)
Heather Simerly motioned for approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dakota Williamson. The team unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

Action Item: Approve Strategic Plan (A. Reynoso)
Jessican Penn motioned for approval of the strategic plan. The motion was seconded by Dakota Williamson. The team unanimously agreed to approve the strategic plan.

II. Discussion/Informational Items:

Discussion Item: SY24-25 Initiatives (Dr. Stabler)
Increase parent participation, with the goal that parents would recommend Abbotts Hill

Elementary to their friends and family and communicate to the larger community about what SGC does. SGC also supports the school's strategic plan, and approves charter dollar spend.

Discussion Item: Debrief Fall Cross Council Meeting (H. Simerly on behalf of V. Tredinick)

Notes from Victoria:

SGC website audits will be sent next week.

Reminder on submitting the strategic plan by Nov 1.

How others have used their Charter dollars:
-Gaga ball pit
-Part time teacher to spend extra time with kids who may be need extra aid in class, or to give more individual time to kids who are performing at a high level
-Book Vending/ PBIS items
-Video screen in gym for interactive games
-Outdoor lights for poorly lit areas so increase safety

Employee Engagement:
-Some teachers at other schools run after school clubs- for example a farm/ Agriculture club- they connect with community partners to donate items needed etc.
- A common theme discussed today was how to increase parent involvement in SGC, PTA etc, as many schools are experiencing parental school involvement over the last few years.
A few ideas:
-Have an SGC member give a 5 min update on SGC initiatives at PTA meetings
-Start a Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) to encourage involvement from male role models. At other schools they help with things such as carpool, building a new bench etc
-Reserved Parking spot and or Plaque for families who are top fundraisers
-Highlight low investment to get started in PTA, and that there is no minimum time requirement to be a member
-More diversity based nights

Discussion Item: Superintendent Advisory Update (H. Simerly)
Safety is a huge priority right now, in light of current events. At the last superintendent update, Dr. Looney spoke about using Linewize to help monitor county devices.

Linewize will use AI and human teams to detect and alert staff of suspicious online activity:

- Identify students who may need mental health resources
- Notify parents when students access inappropriate or harmful content
- Provide school staff with well-being reports to intervene when necessary

Discussion Item: PTA Update
We will cover this item in next month's meeting.

Discussion Item: Strategic Planning (J. Osmerg)
Jill reviewed the strategic plan items that were introduced in the previous meeting.

Informational Item: Principal's Update
Dr. Stabler spoke about the impressive results of our students in the GA Milestones.

Informational Item: Principal's Update
- PTA Update
- New candidate for business partner SGC member
- Additional charter dollar proposals

Meeting Adjournment (A. Reynoso)
Livia Muse-Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Dakota Williamson seconded, all were unanimous. Amanda Reynoso called the meeting adjourned at 7:56 a.m.