

School Site Council meeting of 10/7/16

1. The individuals on the SSC introduced ourselves.
2. Each member of the council wrote down one word to describe the school as we see it presently and one word as we see it in the future. We then read the Lincoln School Mission and Vision. It was then noted that there was fairly strong agreement between the words we recorded in the meeting and the mission statement. Therefore, we decided to keep the Lincoln School Mission and Vision statement as it presently exists since it reflects our mission quite well.
3. The group (led by Ruben) reviewed the following regarding the SSC:
 - (a) what the SSC actually is
 - (b) how/why it is mandated by Mass. law
 - (c) Principal Carmona is responsible for defining and overseeing the formation of the SSC
 - (d) Principal Carmona is co-chair of the council, and Mrs. Sharon Perry was elected as the other co-chair.
4. The group held a detailed discussion regarding Future School Plans:
 - (a) Communication improvement - Many of us were not aware of the Facebook page, etc. and many other parents may not be very well aware of the website, etc. It was determined that we should try to improve the communication of important issues such as Level 1, the community garden/video, the Lincoln School website itself and the Facebook link by some means including the automated telephone calls and text messaging. Follow up is needed to implement the improved communication.
 - (b) Lincoln School Improvement plan is needed. Although we are now at Level 1, we are at the 27 (?) percentile and are determined to improve our percentile ranking significantly.
 - (c) The building budget is to be reviewed and feedback given. One item in particular on the budget to be reviewed is the transformation of the amphitheater to an interactive playground with support from UMass engineering(?).
 - (d) Any policy making issues/projects will be addressed next meeting. In particular, we will be meeting/working with Sergeant ?? to form a new club for potentially troubled students (girls as well as boys) to help improve their futures. A meeting date is to be set. This club will be modelled after his existing "Gentleman's Club", but will likely differ in some ways and will have a different name. The new name can be adopted in the next meeting. (At this time, I would suggest the name "Bright Futures Club" and would encourage all other members to submit their ideas- we can brainstorm/select a name at the next meeting as well as setting the direction of the club.)
5. The next meeting will be held Friday November 4, 2016 from 2:30 -3:30 PM. All future meetings will normally be held the first Friday of each month at the same time.