Nov 26, 2024 | FTB School Council Meeting

Attendees: Allison Hamilton, Christy Teel, Evan Blais, Jamie Sokolowski, Kelly Garbarino, Kristen Fish, Lindsay Rescott, Molly Farrell, Shannon Haley

Notes

- ***Hopes & Dreams for 1-3 years***
    - Playful Learning Initiative
        - Doesn't change standards or curriculum, it shifts the modalities
            - Project based
            - Kinesthetic
        - Project Zero out of Harvard
        - DESE initiative
        - 20 teachers in a PLC currently
        - We are submitting a grant this month to DESE
            - Grant is very competitive
            - Teachers would work with coaches from Harvard to train
    - Some 2nd grade teachers doing walk to learn (fundations)
        - Meeting students where they are
        - Could we implement this across grade levels?
        - Shannon shared that it is going well, fun for students and staff
            - Students grouped based on Dibels assessment
            - Reevaluate groupings two times throughout the year
            - Kids seem happy
            - Data is supportive of this initiative
        - Kelly- not a one solution fits all
            - 504s/IEPs may not allow this, etc.
            - Fundations is something where no students should skip a unit even if they are above skill sets
        - Kristen- more open communication may be helpful so parents/guardians have a better understanding and there is not a perception of inequity
    - Expand Decodable Library
    - Library funds through budget ?
    - Single use product in cafeteria
    - Adequate staffing to support students
        - Social emotional needs
        - As year goes on new needs come up
- ***Socialization of children-Mentorship Program***
    - Geared toward boys lacking father figure
    - Volunteer
- Clipper Courses
    - Would love to see these continue
- After school community club with High Schooler

    - Students love this, would love to see this more if possible

Action items

- [ ] Set up time to meet with Evan for mentorship brainstorming
- [ ] Kristen wants to set up time to meet with Jamie to review comments on SIP