

Minutes
VIS Building Council
 12/3/2024
 Location of Meeting: Room 164
 Time: 8:00

Roles:

Facilitator: Alison Sheridan
 Time Keeper: Laura Colcord

Minutes: Gisela Armbruster

Members: Jim Mauro, Natalie Sonnevile, Marc Nelson, Katie Ackley, Gisela Ambruster, Laura Colcord, ~~Maren Miller~~, Lisa Shaw, Alison Sheridan, Rokhsanna Sedeghi, ~~Colleen Saar~~, ~~Jessica Evangelista~~, ~~Kara Rogers~~

Topic/Subject	Person Responsible	Time Allotted	Notes/Next Steps
Welcome		12 mins	
Circle - What is something you look forward to during the holiday season?	Facilitator	5	
Norms	Facilitator	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start and end on time, respect everyone's time, and stay mindful during the meeting. Assume good intentions ● Give everyone a chance to be heard, all voices matter, make room for different perspectives, be an active listener ● Be realistic with what we can accomplish. Accept non-closure; decisions may take time. Create a plan/focus for the next meeting. Decisions can be made by consensus. ● Be a collaborator and commit to the goals of the group and the meetings. Share resources for references. Clearly define roles for the meetings. ● Connect in positive ways and enjoy the work we are doing.
Approve Minutes from last meeting	Facilitator	2	11/26/24 VIS Building Council Minutes Approved by Lisa and Marc
Review Agenda	Facilitator	2	

New Business		35 min	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update with 4th grade teaming committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Findings from District Building Structure Committee 	10	<p>This evolved from a recommendation from the District Structures Committee from last year.</p> <p>The committee started reviewing the work from last year as well as the data from the teaming/structures survey from last year.</p> <p>The objective of this committee is to make a decision about whether we continue to team at the 4th grade level, as well as the timeline if a change is recommended.</p> <p>Teachers who currently teach all subject areas were able to share their perspectives from this year. These teachers spoke to the benefits of having a more flexible schedule to meet student needs. Another benefit is more streamlined communication with parents.</p> <p>Jim has reached out to all 4th grade teachers to ask for any input they may want to give.</p> <p>The plan is to make a decision about teaming at 4th grade by the end of December. A timeline would then be created for when this change would occur.</p> <p>This is the first year that students have not been regrouped within their teams for ELA/math. Students now stay with their homeroom cohort for all academic classes.</p> <p>Discussion about rationale for districts who currently are departmentalized. Also, implications for professional development as well as SEL needs of students would have to be considered and addressed if the decision is made to end departmentalization in 4th grade.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus: How do we make our building feel smaller? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A. Sheridan - past history of teaming/structure? ○ Read article on schools within schools and discuss 	25	<p>Jim has been working with Deb Leh, who has served in a variety of administrative roles in Victor. She shared resources with Jim, including the article “Schools within Schools.” Building Council members will read this and be ready to discuss at our next meeting in January.</p>	
<p>Follow up on after school activities from Rokhsanna Sedeghi</p>		<p>Rokhsanna shared opportunities for students to participate in Victor Parks and Rec offering. The horse bus drives to Victor Parks and Rec, and parents then pick them up after the activity has finished.</p> <p>There are a variety of programs to meet many areas of interest.</p> <p>Questions about space at VIS for programs as a partnership with Victor Parks and Rec. Barriers include cost for families as well as transportation home. This is something that could be looked at during or after the school day. The Junior High is doing more this year with signing up for activities during lunch periods.</p>	

Building Calendar			Lisa Shaw has created a calendar template for annual activities to be added for use every year. This will be looked at during our next meeting.
Closing		10 min	

Set Agenda & Roles For Next Meeting	Minute Taker	2 min	Facilitator- Katie Ackley Time Keeper- Laura Colcord Minutes- Jim Mauro Next meeting- Tuesday, 1/7 3:30-4:30 pm
Parking Lot Attendant	Facilitator	2 min	Building Council Members will read the article “ Schools within Schools ” prior to the next meeting to be ready for a discussion.
Round Table	All	6 min	

Future Meeting Dates:

- ~~Wednesday 11/6 8:00-9:00 am~~
- ~~Tuesday 12/3 8:00-9:00 am~~
- Tuesday, 1/7 3:30-4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 2/4 8:00-9:00 am
- Wednesday, 3/5 8:00-9:00 am
- Tuesday, 4/1 3:30-4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 5/7 8:00-9:00 am
- June: TBD If needed