

Minutes
VIS Building Council
 1/7/2025
 Location of Meeting: Room 164
 Time: 3:30

Roles:

Facilitator: Katie Ackley
 Time Keeper: Laura Colcord

Minutes: Jim Mauro

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 |
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| Welcome | | 12 mins | |
| Circle - Share a memory you have of your own elementary school. | 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 | 12/3/24 VIS Building Council Minutes Approved by Lisa and Marc |
| Review Agenda | Facilitator | 2 | |

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| New Business | | 35 min | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Look at Building Council Year at a Glance Document | | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looked at the document together - It was mentioned it would be a good idea to add a point person to each event that is noted - Document represents what the building does for students each month - Suggestion to put year round events/programs at the bottom of the document - If anyone would like to add to the document we have edit access |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus: How do we make our building feel smaller? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Break into small groups and discuss article: schools within schools ○ Discuss benefits and drawbacks | | 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider finding more current research on the topic of schools within schools/making schools feel smaller. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natalie will look for additional resources - Get insight from Junior High and ECS regarding their color team/family models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katie will connect with JH and ECS to get more info - https://www.edweek.org/leadership/schools-within-schools-model-seen-yielding-trade-offs/2007/09 - https://www.tc.columbia.edu/articles/2008/april/peeling-back-the-layers-in-schools-within-schools-first-edi/ - It was shared that historically in the building teachers used to teach in more traditional elementary models - Why did we move away from families at VIS? - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alison is going to check into why this may have occurred (Dawn Zuber, Jen Garland, Val Pezzimenti) - Would like to find articles focused more on the different ways of creating smaller communities within schools versus just the idea of doing it philosophically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natalie will try to find a source |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brainstorm different options of what this idea could look like at VIS ● Possibly assign groups to look at each option more closely | | | |
| Closing | | 10 min | |

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| Set Agenda & Roles For Next Meeting | Minute Taker | 2 min | Facilitator- Natalie Sonnevile Time Keeper- Maren Miller Minutes- Allison Sheridan Next meeting- Tuesday, 2/4, 8:00 - 9:00 am |
| Parking Lot Attendant | Facilitator | 2 min | |
| 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