

Morse School Council - December 4, 2018

Attendance: Chad Leith, Shannon Finley, Delia Puntonio, Diane Abu-Eid, Mary Gallant, Therese Bellino, Kim Bostic-Williams, Stephanie Brennan, Thalia Krakower

Agenda:

Welcome & Review:

- Notes from last meeting

Topics Discussed:

- **Playground (update)**
 - should be open tomorrow for all students - 12/5
 - It will be open to the public until the basketball court is finished
 - Will students be able to use it after school? Chad will think about it.
 - The third grade playground should be done by the end of the week.
 - City Sprouts Garden - not sure the timeline for that to be finished. Chad will check on that.
- **Custodial services (update)**
 - The school runs on 3 custodians however we only have 2 right now
 - The process to hire has many phases and we are in the middle of the phases
 - We should have a 3rd custodian by January
 - We are running into a situation where people are using the building later in the evening so this is one of the challenges we are working on.
- **1st Grade (update)**
 - We are hiring a teacher for Ayelet and her maternity leave
 - We are also hiring an aide for the classroom as well.
- **Possible School Council Sub-Committee Work for 2019**
 - School Wide Conversation on race, cultural proficiency, implicit bias
 - What do we hope to get out of it? How did it move the community forward?
 - Anyone interested in thinking about it?
 - Wondering how the Cultural proficiency team could play a role in this?
 - Honest conversations with families about why they are not involved in the school. That we need to talk about how they feel about Morse.
 - Chas will send out an email about coming together as a small group on how we can come together as a small group to have a conversation.
 - Student Council
 - Starting at 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
 - Movie nights for FOM

- Mary will reach out to Lane School about how they run school council
- Recommendations for Parent Engagement
 - How do different teachers reach out to parents about what is going on in the classroom.
 - What we present at back to school night - could we change it up?
 - We need to put more things on our website that we do here at the Morse.
 - During our tours we need to sell our self.
 - Parent ambassadors - could be a great way to showcase what we do well.
 - There are things that are going on in the school and parents who are here now don't know what is going on.
 - Parent workshop about demystifying the Morse