December 2

School council
Present: Maureen, Robyn, Tiandra, Michael, Katie, Meghan, Kimberly, Laurie, Ana

Check in
- Conversation about the new nurse- communication and the priority of a nurse in the school
- Parents: pattern of communication from central office historically has felt tricky– Maureen recommends that people feel comfortable coming and talking to her
- Purpose of council
    - School Improvement Plan
    - Maureen adds– as parents to share what are the needs of the school, how can we improve– that is the survey goal- ensuring that the school is safe and supportive
    - Budget and priorities around the monies

Approval of minutes- minutes approved

Updates on Winthrop School
- Author visit this week
- Last day before winter break is winter sing a long
- 5th grade concert coming up
- Report cards coming out
- Request to put dates into Wednesday weekly– maybe as a calendar month at a glance

Parent survey topics
- Maureen coordinated with Adam (Doyon principal)
- also discussed with Tracy Wagner - ideas she had was MTSS, health curriculum, as well as Wit and Wisdom
- Some of the information could also be in the weekly newsletter– summaries of new policies, curriculum, etc.

Questions and Feedback
- Breakdown on admin team
    - Both principal and VP are instructional leaders and have divided observations of teachers
    - VP is “in charge” of discipline first
- Question about discipline policy or steps
    - Maureen: communication with families, goal is to be restorative, sometimes there is a reflection sheet, sometimes counselor or other admin or special ed involved. Children make mistakes and the goal is for them to learn.
    - Recommendation by Kimberly to share the style/ approach in a Weekly
- More ideas about weekly

- have students interview staff each week (staff of the week)
- Or have a little section with quick info about here are the new counselors and their pictures, how they divide their work– and all staff!
- Or little section about discipline or other things
- These communication things may tie in to communication in the school improvement plan

Next Meeting
January 13th

Maureen has the list of future tentative dates