



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Linden School Council Minutes for Meeting on 2/26/26

Meeting Location: Google Meet from 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Attendees: Principal Rafael Garcia, Assistant Principal Julie Jones, Assistant Principal Jordan Yost, Carla Lucas, and Martha Bezzat

Mr. Garcia opened the meeting and it was determined that since we didn't have all the members present, we couldn't choose a co-chair yet. Martha Bezzat will record minutes.

Mr. Garcia shared that there will be District-wide SIP / ILT meetings held in March and April by the Assistant Superintendent to look at all the School Improvement Plans and consider MOY (Mid-Year) data.

Mr. Garcia gave an overview of the current progress on the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Details are in the google slides. Highlights included:

- 1) PD Block – Staff are continuing the monthly lesson studies, and are collaborating in meetings and also on their own outside of the Professional Development block.
- 2) The Literacy Intervention block designed to build reading fluency has been showing incredible progress and all staff have been included in this, including ML, SpEd, Gen Ed, Coaches, and Admin, and we have exceeded all targets for grades 1-4.
- 3) The Mid-Year data review included a shout out to Grade 6 for their growth, and the data shows that students are making progress across all grades. In general, Linden is scoring higher than the district. Mr. Garcia is proud of teachers working in teams, collaborating with the Literacy and Math Coaches and supporting in intervention blocks. We are on target to reach our SIP goals.

Mr. Garcia also reported on the Linden Drama Club. The Drama Club is doing great, lead by Mr. Quinn and Ms. Ribaud. There was a good showing at the recent production. They will be doing a musical of Cinderella for two nights in May.

The date for the next meeting of the Council will be set later.

6:30 PM - Meeting ended.

Minutes submitted by Martha Bezzat