School Council Notes 4/28

Approved Minutes

Reviewed/ Brainstormed for School Improvement Plan

- Literacy Goals
- 20-minute reading in schedule
- Work with ELA compass committee
- Prioritize
- Allow time within schedule for independent reading
- Setting up professional agreements
- Staff meetings dedicated to curriculum planning
- Drop Everything and Read
- Look at book Vending Machine for Birthdays
- Look closely at the schedule to allow for movement first five minutes of the day
- Look at time on screens
- Communication with Families
- Lots of work on Trauma Informed Practices
- SEL Time important
- Add in Attendance Support Meetings /working with the child study team
- Look at Categories
- Creating Innovative Learning Environments
- Building Best Practices to Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Notes Summary:

To effectively streamline our school improvement efforts, we will prioritize Literacy and Instructional Excellence by integrating a dedicated 20-minute independent reading block into the daily schedule. This "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR) initiative will be supported by the ELA Compass Committee and celebrated through a birthday book vending machine program to foster student engagement.

To ensure these instructional shifts are successful, staff meetings will be repurposed for curriculum planning, and we will establish formal professional agreements to maintain consistency and accountability across all grade levels.

Concurrently, our commitment to Holistic Student Support focuses on the well-being of the whole child through trauma-informed practices and dedicated Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) time. This includes a critical review of the daily schedule to allow for student movement during the first five minutes of the day and a proactive audit of total screen time.

We will also strengthen our intervention systems by integrating Attendance Support Meetings with the Child Study Team to ensure that all student's barriers to learning are identified and addressed early.

Finally, we are dedicated to Building Innovative and Inclusive Environments that meet the needs of our diverse student population. By streamlining communication with families and refining our Best Practices for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), we aim to create a more transparent and welcoming community.

These efforts, combined with a focus on creating flexible and modern learning spaces, ensure that our school remains an environment where every student can thrive both academically and socially.