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RMS School Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order 3:29 PM

Meeting minutes from April motioned and second-approved

School Updates:
STEAMaPalooza amazing, Recorder Concert Amazing
Looking forward to Fun Run/Fitness Fun Day
Mr. West's position is posted, candidates being called, building an interview committee is the next-steps, hoping to include teachers, parents, etc. Looking at interviews potentially next Tuesday 5/26 beginning at 2:30

Budget & Enrollment impact:
Grateful for approval of funds last night at Town Meeting - still needing to make 4 classroom teacher position reductions, these teachers have been made aware of position cuts
Question if per pupil expenditure at state level has increased?
Enrollment numbers down by about 20 but new students are moving in, lots of building of homes happening around town

Kindergarten - over summer enrollment and potential impact of class sizes
Hope that the $200,000 from Roderiques does go towards saving teacher position(s), will be a wait and see on when the money comes in, also a 1 year fix not ongoing

School Improvement Plan was finalized and voted on last meeting, and will be presented on 6/3 at 6:00 School Committee

Drafting 26-28 School Improvement Plan:
New Format
Final 2 year of the full 5 year plan
Update from ORRJHS info to RMS info in template, add CARES info
Highlighted Think Care Learn for double checking 6 bullets

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1.1 Create Vision of a Graduate (this is district-wide now, has been merged with the high school's now… Prek-12 along with I Can statements at Elementary level), need to now break down each "I can…" statement to each grade-level

Need to look at previous S.I.P. and do a crosswalk between the new one to add action items built off of what we have already written, what do we anticipate will get done next year and then the following year?

MTSS & Carrie Thurston- how can we remodel systems to better support students? need to add this to SIP, Flex blocks and rethinking small group instruction

Fly-Five curriculum will need to be fully implemented next year, this year was 2 lessons per month from January on… this will be part of Morning Meeting, Responsive Classroom. Also looking at Responsive Classroom training or retraining for next year for teachers.

Mrs. Letendre added headers to SIP document such as Math scope & sequence by grade level and Math Common Assessments framework, Update ELA assessment framework, looking at an Assessment Platforms (IXL, iReady, AimsWebb… which one will capture more of the things we need instead of having various) All things we might be looking at or working on. Goal to add Elementary Curriculum to Atlas.

There is a draft outline of the PD plan for next year.
As Admin Team, this summer will be looking at strategic plan and action steps/action items, writing/updating/adding to fill in SIP

Questions? None.

Open Comment: None.

Thank you for your service Barbara. 4 people have expressed interest in joining the School Council for next year to replace Barbara.

Adjournment 4:10 PM