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**School Site Council Agenda**  
**February 1, 2024**

**In Attendance:**

**1. February Vacation Programmatic Update:**

- **District (Dr. Passeri)**
- The district did not plan an acceleration academy for February—that will be in April.
- **School-based (Mrs. Burgess-MacIntosh)**
- We will be running an “engineering” program like we did last year, we will also have an attendance buyback that AP Crones coordinated, as well as a babysitting training program Mrs. Mac planned.

**2. QIP/ Budget Process Preview (Dr. Passeri)**

- **Changes/Long-range Focus**
- The district has switched to a three year focus in order to promote greater continuity of school improvement. We discussed how our goals are really in year two as a new school leadership, so the form is different, but we will continue to operate based on systems to set our students and staff up for success in collective inquiry.
- **EL Projections (Ms. Crotty)**
- We met with the EL Department from CO and we have been short approximately two EL teachers this year because we were only funded at 818 students last year, and are up to 905 students. We reviewed EL data and everyone is in support of us addressing this in the upcoming budget process.

**3. PTO Report (Mrs. Morales)**

- **Upcoming Events**
- We discussed an upcoming fundraiser and changes we have made to revert back to one meeting a month versus two, which got to be too much for our members.
- **PTO Account**
- We still would like our PTO to open up a standalone bank account that is not part of the LPS “Student Activity,” which limits our ability to plan events due specific regulations that must be followed..

**4. Modular Project Updates (Dr. Passeri)**

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/stemacademy>

- Our project has moved forward and is being excavated. The big step will be the utilities work, which will likely be over April Vacation. The OPMs report the project is on target. Dr. Passeri has been assisted by Mr. Morneau in attending the weekly meetings in order to help move the project forward.

#### **5. Family Survey**

- We are going to be putting out a parent survey that we will also issue to staff for input on the QIP/Budget. Dr. Passeri previously issued a staff survey.

#### **6. New Business**

#### **7. Adjourn**

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