

McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 3/9/2022

Google Meets - Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Domina; Cutrumbes; Epaul; Turcotte; Paradice; Gresco (Absent - Werunga)

- Introductions
 - Mike Domina - Principal
 - Christina Cutrumbes - 3rd grade teacher
 - Corrine Turcotte - parent of 4th grade student
 - Michelle Epaul - Art teacher
 - Jennifer Paradise - parent of 3rd grader and 1st grader
 - Lindsey Gresco - para for CSA at cardinal and daughter in CSA at McAvinnue
 - Dr. Werunga - ed. prof at UML
- Scheduling
 - Budget defense at end of March w/Liam Skinner, Robin Desmon, Latifah Phillips, Billie Jo-Turner
 - Scheduling weekly meetings leading up to budget defense
- Agenda overview
- Assigned Roles
 - Co-Chairs: Domina and Epaul
 - Time Manager: Turcotte
 - Secretary: Cutrumbes
- Went over characteristics of a school site council
 - Defined in slides
 - Went over membership guidelines
 - Went over four major areas of responsibilities
 - QIP educational goals for the school
 - Identifying ed needs of students
 - Reviewing annual school budget
 - Formulating a school improvement plan
 - Went over principal's responsibilities
 - Reviewed MA open meeting law

- Went over site-based budgeting and went over the history of school budget processes in Lowell
 - (FSF) Fair Student Funding Model
 - Base weight - min that a school will receive per student
 - Student Need Weights - additional funding based on the needs of students
 - Baseline services - ensures all schools are able to provide a min level of services
 - Transition policy - ensures schools do not see large swings year over year
- Budget
 - Defined gain vs loss school
 - LPSD additional investments allow for a loss school to be reclassified as an even school
 - 22-23 final budget figure was \$5,837,627
 - 2023-2024 Budget Figure: \$5,916,437
 - Increase of \$78,810
 - Planning to increase para-educators in CSA from 9-10 with this budget increase
 - Can replicate current staffing with new budget figure
- Will use the QIP to guide how we allocate new funds
- Opened up for questions and general discussion
 - No questions
 - Discussed general thoughts around the QIP and the school improvement plan and making small adjustments to continue the growth from last year's improvement plan
- Went over next meeting dates:
 - Next meeting Thursday, March 16 5-6 PM
 - Next meeting will go over QIP, last year's budget, and school improvement plan