



# McAvinnue's School Site Council



Thursday, April 15, 2021

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Working Agenda & Notes

Attendance: Michael Domina, Heather Bellerose, Corrine Turcotte Asfour, Amanda Clermont, Dr. Robai Werunga, Juan Acevedo

Parent: Jennifer Paradise

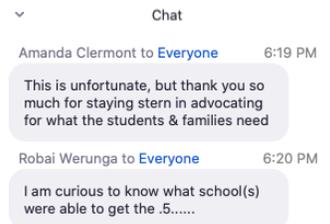
Absent: Kate Burgess-MacIntosh,

### **Greetings & General Updates**

- Welcome to all participants and introduction of parent participant, Jennifer Paradise

### **McAvinnue's Budget Update - Adjustments**

- Budget defense
  - Dr. Guillory, BillieJo Turner, Michael Lovato, Robin Desmond in attendance
  - Needs Assessment with staff input, time to explore where funds would be spent, document where anticipated needs were detailed
- Budget summary to be released
- Funding sources remain in tact
- Message transmitted: .5 Social Worker not possible in district
- McAvinnue is keeping the social emotional well being of our students in the forefront of planning
- Focus adjusted to bring an SEL tutor position to McAvinnue for 18 hours per week
  - Will plan/work with Mrs. De La Luz
  - student group facilitator
- Technology Plans
  - Interactive mobile boards for classrooms
  - 2 per grade level, 1 per each sub separate classroom
  - technology becomes accessible, mobile, pertinent
  - iPad investment for early childhood population in 2020-2021



## **School Reopening Update**

- Welcomed additional students on April 5, 2021
- McAvinnue at 312 students in-person
- May 3rd, more students may return
- masks, social distancing in place, some gentle reminders provided
- Lunchtime considerations/engagement details in place
- smooth arrival
- dismissal time
  - traffic control requested for Mammoth Rd.
  - 4th Ave congested, buses unable to leave
- Vaccination Status Update
  - 65% of staff have received 2nd dose
  - some staff will receive 2nd dose soon
  - some staff choosing not to receive vaccination
- Active Pool Testing
  - 78 active participants
  - Only 1 positive pool, with 1 faculty member testing positive

## **School Site Council Meetings - Remainder Of The School Year**

- map out initiatives for 2021-2022
- closing of this year
- summer work
- opening of 2021-2022
- biweekly meeting schedule moving forward
  - May 6, 2021
  - May 20, 2021
  - June 3, 2021

## **Open Mic**

- Amanda- seamless transition for school return, very pleased, photos for check-ins are great
- Corrine agrees, her student has had a great experience transitioning back to school
- Dr. Werunga- almost all of the UMASS Lowell senior education students in teaching roles for their student teaching time, dual licensed in special education and elementary education
- Positions filled internally first, then positions are on open market
- 2:1 condition for teaching positions: 2 internal candidates apply, 1 of the candidates needs to be chosen for the position
- Congratulations to Billerica's newest member of the School Committee

- UMASS Lowell Fall teaching position
  - Mr. Domina?
  - Jennifer Paradise?

### **Next Meeting Action-Items:**

- 1. Racial Justice District Initiative**
- 2. Expanded Opening Update - May 3rd In-Person Increase**
- 3. Parent Focus Points & Feedback**
- 4. ST Math May Challenge Update**