

SSC Council Meeting 9/29/25 @ 2:20

Attendees: James Cardaci, Tara Fletcher, Patrick Swett, Kelly Leary, Erin Hirbour, Jenna Hrinchuk (parent), Angel Granados (parent), Melissa Centeno (parent), Emily Soleil (parent)

Introductions:

James Cardaci Principal: Defines SSC role, planning and critical decision making for the school. Budget months are most important- January, February, March. Reviews that anyone can join the meeting at any time.

Exciting News- MCAS- Stoklosa is a School of Recognition in the State. Predicated on student academic growth and achievement.

Reviews presentation-

- Budget priorities-
 - Data driven decision making for academic interventions.
 - Parents will be receiving MCAS letter

Priority 1:

- ILT- Teacher driven decision making
 - Cost \$18,000- to pay teachers for after school
- Falcon Academy
 - Parent question- when does it begin?
 - January/February
 - Data driven tutoring for accelerated tutoring.
 - 6 months to a years growth
 - 3-8 students in class (Math/ELA or both)
- Peer visits
 - Look at high quality instruction
 - Parent question: is this in the budget?
 - Answer: ILT and falcon academy is allocated for the year.

Priority 2-

- New EL curriculum HQIM- We are in year two. We piloted last year.
- So far- feedback is great from staff and students.
- James reviews reading materials.
 - Budget impact- many purchases made last year.

Priority 3-

- Align SPED pull-outs with grade level cycles.
 - Pre-assessment in math/ela
 - 4-6 week cycle instruction
 - Midway- assessment
 - Pivot for students not making progress.
- 21st Century grant awarded to the Stoklosa.
 - 85k
 - Reviews programming options
- RJP Grant
 - Saturdays 1x a month
 - Community based/restorative practices
- Orton Gillingham- Science of reading
 - \$4500 to train three staff.
 - Teachers provide instruction at every grade level.
- All decisions were data driven
 - Priority 4: School Culture
 - HALS data- view perception data and student experience.
 - DESSA target students in need of social emotional learning groups
 - Guest speakers
 - Celebrate student excellence- MCAS, Breakfast
 - Field trips- we have figured out funding with grants in the past.
 - We don't like to ask parents for money however, transportations costs are high
 - \$2,000 to transport one grade level to Boston and back.
 - Parent questions:
 - How is HALS data collected?
 - All students take the survey.
 - Students/Staff answer $\frac{2}{3}$ questions- about 40 questions.
 - Three times a year.
 - Are all students evaled for DESSA?
 - All students are screened.
 - Teachers are trained in the screening tool. If a student drops below a threshold- it puts them at an at-risk category. Teacher then take an additional questionnaire.
 - Student support team uses data from screening tool.
 - Is there grant funding for field trips?

- Split- school committee/District set aside some funds specifically for school field trips. \$30k at Stoklosa.
 - Money was evenly distributed amongst grade levels.
 - We are unsure if that will be happening this year.
 - Student activities fund is available
- Can schools apply for grants
 - Yes- there is a grant director. We can contact grant director Caroline Roschleau.
 - Grants are usually awarded by people who know how to write a grant.
 - GEMS website- James and Caroline work together to submit applications for the grant.
- Non-personnel budget discussed-
 - 30k general supplies
 - TBD field trips
 - 30k Professional development
 - 45k Grants
- Tshirts purchased to improve school culture. Students wear them all the time.

Budget will be adjusted based upon needs.

Some of these options will be voted on.

Next steps: Jimmy will share presentation with parents. Specifically requested by Angel Grenados