

Lowell High School School Site Council Minutes: December 15, 2022

In attendance: Jill Rothschild, Wayne Taylor, Kate Keefe, Stephanie Sykes, Lynne Bond, Alice Mwangi, Amanda Ernst, Emily Steinberg, Eric DeLorenzo, Ayla Trieu

6:30 Greeting, Attendance, Lowell Connector Activity

6:40 Previous Business

- Minutes from October need to be ratified at January meeting
- Agendas, member emails, and updates for new members need to be reflected on the website- K. Keefe will follow up
- Group Photo taken at January meeting

6:45 Budget Process Review: Wayne Taylor presented the [QIP process](#).

- Overview of the budgeting process along with projected timelines
- Discussion of SIP and QIP alignment
- Reviewed School Wide Goals
 - Discussed Flex Block being used as a time to market pathways and electives to help meet our four High Leverage goals.
- Reviewed guardrails set forth by district and state
 - Noted that there needs to be accurate accounting of current positions and programming prior to budget process.
 - Noted that the Lowell SC did change the workbook format in response to school site council requests to manage the various scenarios of increased, decreased, or level funding in 22-23.
- Returned to High Leverage Goal #4 - Decreasing Chronic Absenteeism
 - Chronic Absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the current school days.
 - Discussion of how that impacts class failure rates; how house teams deal with this inconsistently, but in concluded that in reality this is more so a case-by-case situation based on student need.
 - People wondering if the data can be sorted out by situation and then assistance provided to students based on their individual needs.
 - Wondered about the potential to have a system in place that would help students access more mental health supports

7:15 Action Steps

- Review Q1 Data with the SSC to help identify priority areas of concern. This includes attendance, grades, as well as Panorama and any other relevant school satisfaction information available. J. Rothschild and M. Fiato will present data.
- Update on Portrait of a Graduate; specifically any updates on primary person pilot program that would address chronic absenteeism and mental health interventions.
- Update on positions added to adhere to MASSCORE requirements
- Present Graduation Requirement changes

- Post Minutes on Website

7:35 Adjourn

Next Meeting January 19, 2023

Minutes Submitted by Kate Keefe