

Meeting minutes
School Site Council Meeting
March 16, 2023

Present:

Voting Members present:

Eric DeLorenzo, Alice Mwangi, Robina Nyangai, Jason Silverberg, Emily Steinberg, Wayne Taylor, Ayla Trieu

Non-Voting Members present:

Alison Carbone, Mike Fiato, Rose Mecdonca, Jill Rothschild

Other members not present:

Lynne Bond, Amanda Ernst, Katie Keefe, Katie Maniscalco, Isaac Maniscalco, Bethany Sykes Peters, Vannak Theang

6:31 PM - Meeting started

Motion to accept minutes from March 9th, 2023. Emily motioned to accept, and Jason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Glossary of terms:

CSA	Classroom for Students with Autism
FR	Floor Reps
ILT	Instructional Leadership Team
LEAP	Life Education And Preparation
MLL	Multi-Language Learners (was ELL)
PoG	Portrait of a Graduate
SAC	Student Advisory Council
SSC	School Site Council
UTL	United Teachers of Lowell
WAC	Writing Across Curriculum

6:41 PM - Alison Carbone - Special Education Department head - Discussion on department needs - Increase in the number of students coming to LHS with disabilities, 171 additional students next year. Must maintain a 48-month age difference between students to be in different classrooms. Would like 1 CSA teacher & 4 fundamental teachers.

6:57 PM - LHS Budget Workbook and Budget Allocations SY 23-24; Review the Workbook line by line discussing the changes from SY 22-23 to SY 23-24.

- Discussion on positions to be added:
 - 1 Instructional Specialist (teacher) Special Education - Coaching and supporting General Education and Special Education Teachers
 - 2 teachers - Humanities and Stem Coaches - Increase support for teachers using a coaching model
 - Support teachers in - Science, Math, ELA, and Social Studies
 - 10 Teachers are being added (\$1M to the budget)
 - 2 teachers for grade 9 Plus Academy (grade 9 repeaters)
 - 3 Multi-Language Learners (MLL) teachers
 - 5 Special Education teachers
 - 3 Para Professionals
 - 1 Mainstream 9 Plus
 - 1 MLL
 - 1 Special Education
 - 1 Enrollment and Engagement Counselor
 - 1 Social worker
 - 1 MLL Department Chair
 - 2 Security guards added in SY 22/23 paid by Central, need to add to the SSC budget for SY 23/24
 - Added a lead security guard stipend
 - Added additional money & responsibility to Discipline and Operations Specialist Role increase of approximately \$42,440
 - Additional Lead teachers (PoG grant will pay for lead teachers for all departments)
 - Lyceum
 - Flex Block
- Discussion on increased dollar amounts to the following areas:
 - SA: Professional Development - 30% to \$52,000 to include coverage for teachers to meet in PLC during the school day
 - Athletics: Contracted Services - 5% to \$140,675
 - Athletics: Transportation - 5% to \$128,100
 - Athletics Supplies & Uniforms - 5% to \$140,700

- Athletics Rental Fees - 5% to \$50,925

Jill provided PoG updates.:

- Mentioned that we have a grant through the Barr Foundation to support the PoG efforts.
- Scheduled for Sprinpoint is conducting a review of our progress and will provide a review and report of progress. There are teacher workgroups examining curriculum maps to incorporate PoG competencies as measurable outcomes in the classroom.
- In progress - Department Chairs and some teachers are partnering with Write Boston to build coaching capacity and increase student discourse
- In progress - working group developing and piloting Transformative Learning Experience

Mike provided updates:

- The SSC should be conducting a needs assessment to get a better idea of school-wide needs.
- The SSC will need to sign off on a Quality Improvement Plan that is informed by our data and supported by our school budget allocations.

7:33 PM - Emily made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Wayne Taylor