

3/12/20

1. **School Council Members/Attendance: Prout, Peters, Sabandith, DaSilva, Lowe, Foster, Cabrera, Steen**
2. **Welcome new members: Altagracia Cabrera, Vuoch Sabandith**
3. **School Council Definition:** School Councils are in all public schools throughout Massachusetts as established by the Education Reform Act of 1993. Membership includes the principal, teacher(s), parent(s), and a community representative. Members of the School Council assist the principal in four areas: Dr. Foster outlined purpose of committee:
 - Adopting educational goals that conform to local policies and statewide student performance standards
 - Identifying educational needs of students
 - Reviewing the school budget
 - Formulating a school improvement plan
4. **Structure/Responsibilities:**
 - Members
 - Staff/Terms:

	Years Left on Term
• Stefanie Lowe	1
• Anabel DaSilva	
• Altagracia Cabrera	1
• Ed Foster	2
 - Parents/Terms:

• Bridget Steen bridgetrsteen@gmail.com	1
• Bethany Peters petersfam81@gmail.com	
• Vuoch Sabandith	
• Joy Prout	2
 - Meeting 2:30 on the second Thursday of the month. Dates: ~~12/12~~, 1/9, ~~2/6 (2/27)~~, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14
 - Roles:
 - Co-chair: Bridget and Ed.
 - Secretary (Minutes): Stefanie/Anabel
 - Other:
5. **Coronavirus update -- letter from Superintendent; Washington DC trip cancelled as of now; Dr. Foster looking into refunds for parents; parents concerned, asking about absence policy if they keep kids home.**
6. **NEXT YEAR WANTS/NEEDS DISCUSSION:**
 - Review Monday School Council Summit Meeting -- new policy for funding 'equity'
 - Will at least have same amount as last year even if fewer students; we are level funded for next year
 - Task:
 - Relook at Turnaround plan objectives/QIP. Dr Foster walked through the plan, MAGs and TBs.
 - Discuss priorities to address/support plan: Steen: questioning --- wants more info about how we are meeting goals, and what's really going to get us to meet these goals. From our budget, how do we get there? Anabel: look at year 2.
 - Questions about the size of the Adjustment programs, space in the school, staffing of opportunity room, (extra staff?) -- Staffed by Renaissance money?
 - Conversation: we have spent a lot of time/money toward behavior

- What is needed for curriculum? (Steen)
- Technology -- whiteboards and interactive whiteboards (probably won't be district funded)
-- DaSilva-- we need them
- Dr. Foster advocating for 2nd assistant principal helpful -- curriculum, lots of new teachers in the building needing support
- Review Superintendent's timeline
- Next steps

7. Next Meetings:

- Date/Time/Agenda: 3/26 & 4/9 (Maybe before) @ 2:30-3:30