

Present

Michael Domina-- Co-Chair/School Member
Rebecca Evans--Secretary/Co-Chair/School Member
Dr. Robai Werunga --Community Member
Ana Gonzalez --Parent Member

Absent

Heather Bellerose -- School Member
Shireen Nizami--Parent Member
Marylou Lee - Parent Member

Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm

Meeting End Time: 7:30pm

McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020

- McAvinnue's School Site Council gathered at the Stoklosa Middle School for the LPSD "School Site Council Summit"
- Presentation by the LPSD Chief Equity Officer - Latifah Philips
 - Connection between School Site Council and School-Based Budgeting was reviewed in details
 - Characteristics of the School Site Council was highlighted and discussed
 - Roles of the School Site Council
 - Adopt educational goals for the school
 - Identify educational needs of the school
 - Review annual school budget
 - Formulating the school improvement plan; LPSD is calling this the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
 - The elements that should be included in the School Improvement Plan were reviewed and discussed by Sean Carabatsos, Principal of the Reilly Elementary School.
 - Leadership, Shared Responsibility, and Professional Collaboration
 - Intentional Practices For Improving Instruction - Engaged Learning
 - Student-Specific Supports, and Instruction To All Students
 - School Climate And Culture
 - School Site Council Requirements were discussed.
 - Chair and Co-Chair
 - Massachusetts "Open Meeting" Law

- The spirit of the law encourages transparency and collaborative practices. It is important that each meeting receive public notification as well as posted agenda and minutes.
- Various conditions that each School Site Council needed to adhere to were reviewed directly. Refer to Powerpoint presentation.
- The School Site Council needs to match the ethnic and racial diversity present in the school.
- Various strategies were reviewed to conduct elections for both the faculty membership as well as the parent membership.
- The numbers of school-based and parent membership need to be equal (3 school members & 3 parent members)
- A proposed School Site Council timeline was proposed.
- Fair Student Funding (FSF)
 - This is a weighted funding allocation system that allows schools to receive additional resources to support their specific need.
 - All Lowell elementary students have a base weight of \$4,500 to start.
 - Based upon individual student need, additional funding is provide for the student (ELL; SPED: High Needs)
 - CSA students would receive approximately \$20,000 additional funding per student due to significant need.
- School Site Council Collaboration Time
 - McAvinnue's SCC discussed the following points connected to the school -based budget for the 2020-2021 academic school year.
 - Position additions: SPED teacher; ELL teacher; Tutor; Additional funding in the "Instructional Supplies" category.
 - Discussion around the significant amount of additional funding even though McAvinnue was categorized as an "even" school.
 - Recommend to reach out directly to the LPSD Chief Financial Office (CFO)
 - What is needed for technology? Supplies and Materials? PD? Curriculum?
 - QIP draft discussion - Principal will continue to work with the School Leadership Team to refine goals.
- Next Meeting Dates
 - Monday, March 16, 2020 @ McAvinnue Elementary School (FCR Main Office)