

Present

Heather Bellerose--Time Keeper/School Member
Michael Domina-- Co-Chair/School Member
Rebecca Evans--Secretary/Co-Chair/School Member
Shireen Nizami--Parent Member
Ana Gonzalez --Parent Member
Dr. Robai Werunga --Community Member

Absent

Marilou Lee-- Parent

Meeting Start Time: 5:00pm

Meeting End Time: 6:00pm

McAvinnue's School Site Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

- Overview of process and powerpoint
- Characteristics of an SSC
 - Other schools are non-compliant
 - Schools were trying to use the PTO's as SSCs
 - Mr. Domina, paused strategically when council's were given notice.
 - Choose a small group because of the work we have to do in the beginning. Will include a wide variety of school roles in the future.
- Composition of the School site Council
 - Principal does not have any more weight for decisions. He is a member of the educational group of people. He does not oversee our work.
 - Hiring more diverse teaching staff is our district's goal and our Site Council will emulate that.
 - Email was sent out for teachers and 2 positions were open for 2 teachers eliminating the need for an election for the teaching positions.
 - When selecting parent membership, Mr. Domina asked teachers to provide him with names of highly engaged parents in their classroom and he chose 3 families that were not typically involved in other school initiatives. The central leadership group made the final decisions when selecting parents.
 - Our community member was a natural decision because of our relationship with UMass Lowell.
- Principal Responsibilities
 - Due to time constraints, some work can be done outside of the formal SSC meetings but we have final say about everything.
- Open Meeting Law
 - This meeting was given 24 hours
 - Members of the public are only able to watch, they can pose questions but we do not have to answer them immediately.

- Site-Based Budgeting
 - Lowell is changing the way they are funding their schools by using a Site Council
 - Old Model of funding was based on enrollment and students were given a “Dollar Amount”
 - Budgets aimed to be balanced, but if they were over, principals would have to cut positions.
 - New Model based on Fair Student Funding Model promotes Equity and Stability.
 - We are considered an “Even school” because we are going to operate with the same amount of money as last year even though our enrollment is lower. This happened with every school coded as a “loss school”
 - We are classified as a “High-Needs School” which makes us considerably higher than the Base weight in the FSFF.
- Quality Improvement Plan
 - We will work on this as fast as we can, with the use of the central leadership already in place in McAvinnue due to time constraints.
 - The district knows that we are going to be late with the formulation of this because of the rebranding of the SSCs in each building.
 - The plan may not change much, year to year because they may be multi-year initiatives.
- Meeting Dates-
 - Monday, 9th- 6:00pm- 7:30pm @ The Stoklosa Middle School
 - Rebecca Evans
 - Ana Gonzalez
 - Dr. Werunga
 - Mike Domina
- March 16th, 5:00pm - 6:00pm--Next SSC Meeting
- Co-Chair Nomination - Rebecca Evans