



**Lowell Public Schools**  
**STEM Academy at the Rogers School**

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**School Site Council Agenda**  
**October 27, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

**1. Introduction of Site Council Membership/Parent Members:**

- Dr. Passeri introduced himself and then our teacher members, which are Mrs. Burgess-MacIntosh, Ms. Crotty, Ms. Lopes and Ms. Nucefora. Mrs Burgess-MacIntosh is in year two of her term, while the others are in their first year. Our parent members are Mrs. Condo (Three year term), Mr. Meas (Two year term) and Mrs. Scannell (1 Year Term). Despite numerous attempts by our PTO to promote this process, we are still looking for one more parent.
  - Mrs. Condo was nominated for our co-chair position and accepted

**2. How Will We Operate as a Team?**

- Dr. Passeri spoke to the decision last year to operate using a consensus model, versus a voting process for each decision, which made our parent members feel more comfortable. The parents again stated that they would like to continue this process, which the principal supported for this year.

**3. Problems of Practice – What will we accomplish as a school?**

- We reviewed school goals in literacy, math, social emotional learning, family outreach and supporting our EL population. Parents were provided the opportunity to provide ongoing feedback and we decided that we would continue this work from day 1 as we did last year. Ms. Lopes was able to speak to our math goals, Ms. Robinson was present to speak about our literacy goals and Dr. Passeri spoke about the middle school advisory program, which is being piloted at all grade levels. By continuing the ongoing process of school improvement, we felt as though we had an easier budgeting process where parents had already been well-versed in the ongoing work present at STEM and enjoyed the <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/stemacademy>

opportunity to hear from other community members, based on what was on the agenda, instead of only hearing from the principal. That process would not be altered for this year.

#### **4. Open Positions**

- As of now the building is fully staffed and there are no open positions.

#### **5. Building Improvements**

- There was a discussion about short range plans which are in the process of being completed by the district. Dr. Passeri and Mr. Morneau worked with our Facilities Department to create enough classroom spaces for short-term use that there are no longer students in the hallways for regularly scheduled classes. However, we still have inadequate music rooms, and our other AA teachers are either on a cart, or in a room that is below standard.
- We then got into long range planning and the issue of our portables came up again. Dr. Passeri stated that he and Mr. Morneau are continuing to work with the district within this plan to add more portables, but there have been no final decisions made. Dr. Passeri and Mr. Morneau have been attending the Facilities meetings between the city, the school department and the new project manager.
- Dr. Passeri has worked with the district to improve equity as compared to other schools and the district has awarded us two additional copy machines, as well as the one that all schools are getting. This should be in place sometime in December. Also he is working with the district on purchasing four additional card readers, which will not only allow us to fully access the former spaces vacated by Aramark and Facilities, but also better utilize the courtyard and South Street to efficiently move in/out of the building., In response to a question over the use of the space we had vacated, it was not suitable for student use due to no handicap accessibility, but is in the process of being repurposed as additional teacher space and a professional work space

#### **6. New Business**

- Dr. Uy asked about our current level of outreach and we discussed the use of Dojo to provide culturally proficient communication opportunities. She then asked about the possibility of surveying families and Ms. Lopes and Mrs. Burgess-MacIntosh said they would look into this before our next meeting as this has been something we have been open to doing. Also we discussed having an additional ice cream social, where we can provide translation support for families looking to come in to connect as we did on our first meeting this fall.

#### **7. Adjourn**