Minutes School Council Meeting
12/16/19
6:00-7:00 pm

Present:
Katia Spiess, Principal
Catherine Sheehan, Teacher
Jennie Hennessey, Teacher
Casey Foote, Community (GE)
Josie Santos, Community (Beyond Walls)
Stephanie Gallo, Parent
Sandy Anshewitz, Parent

Absent:
Heather Angus, Teacher
Brandy Rodriguez, Parent

School Improvement Planning Team Update
• Review of District Objectives, Mission and Vision Statements, Core Values
• Meeting 1 – Data Dive (11/4/19)
  o Demographic Data
  o School Processes Data
  o Assessment Data
  o Perception Data
• Meeting 2 – Needs Assessment (12/2/19)
  o Vision, Mission, Core Value Statements
  o Using the Conditions for School Effectiveness, the team determined strengths and areas of need in nine different indicators
• Meeting 3 – Selecting 2 Priority Areas and developing an Action Plan (1/6/20)
• Meeting 4 – Finalizing Priorities and Action Plans (1/10/20)

Review of Aborn’s Vision, Mission, and Core Value Statements
• Several points that SC members felt strongly about:
  o Equity – All Students
  o Independently and Collaboratively
  o Growth Mindset

“If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.”
• Literacy AND Numeracy
  • Unanimous approval by attending members

2020-2021 Budget Priorities
• Discussed Equity Challenges at Aborn
  o Increasing number of Spanish and Arabic speaking families
  o Increasing number of students with moderate to severe SEL needs
• Questions/Concerns brought up by Council Members:
  o Are building improvements part of the budget process?
  o No control over staffing - Hiring not the Principal’s decision (Bidding and Bumping)
  o What opportunities currently exist for parents to participate?
    ▪ 3 Open Houses
    ▪ Evening events
    ▪ Active PTO
    ▪ Parent-run library
    ▪ School Store 6 times a year
    ▪ Field Day in June
    ▪ Memos and All-Calls
    ▪ Open Door Policy
    ▪ Updated LPS Aborn site
      a. OWLS Students-of-the-Week posted
      b. Staff Directory
      c. School Council Information
      d. All Call Transcript
      e. Photos / Videos
      f. Newsletter (Coming TBD)