

Lynn Classical School Council Meeting 1/16/19

Ms. Dunn had discussion of AIR visit and description of Turnaround grant.

Dunn: We will be running an algebra bridge class next year that will help students with the math on the MCAS test. It is a half year course they will be able to take alongside geometry. We are also running a few MCAS Saturday school remediation classes which should help our students with the test.

In addition, we will be having an AP Psychology class next year (99% sure) and we are looking at having an AP Calculus B/C course.

Aiello: Gave a description of the ACCESS test and its purpose. General overview of MCAS test coming up in March. The grade 10 students will be taking the MCAS test online for the first time at the end of March (the 26th and 27th). We will be allowed to have the rest of the student body come in for half a day – we are looking at the possibility of having students do mini lessons from home.

Also, we need to make the students aware they all have a school email address and access to Office 365 now – and inform the teachers as well.

Toomey: Gave a description of the Back to the Future protocol. Several groups have met with Dr. Tutweiler – we are trying to come up with 3-5 objectives for the city relating to what we value and want to see in the future. The parents were asked to fill out a ‘dream wish’ diagram of what they would like to see with Lynn Public schools in the future.

The group as a whole discussed the ideas the parents presented from their diagrams. Ms. Mower spoke about the fact that mental health awareness would be good for students as well. Ms. Dunn told the group that she has a guest speaker coming at the end of the month to discuss mental health awareness.

Ms. Toomey instructed the group that we will be sending a screening out to the 9th graders (as required by law) to survey who might be at risk for substance abuse in the future.

Ms. Dunn told the council a little about the STAMP exam, which we will be using possibly this year to help seniors who are EL or FLEP students.

Ms. Mower discussed the SIP Action plan. We are in year three of our three year plan. The team met in November and looked at lots of data – we pulled out the high points and the low points to try and figure out where we can improve. We started to wrap up the current plan and tried to build in a space for the new plan we will be formulating.

Ms. Dunn: We would really like to get a PTO here at Classical so that we could have funds to provide students with – for example – breakfast when they come to Saturday school. We also have an attendance initiative to the students – each class has given \$500 to a fund that the class with the best attendance will win for their class. We would like to have parents on that group, not for the fundraising part, but more for the oversight of the funds.