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THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL School Year
2019/2020

Meeting Date: October 24, 2019 3:15 PM

Meeting Place: Principal's Conference Room, Thurgood Marshall Middle School

Members Present: Nicki Buscemi, Zoila Arguelles, Molly Cohen, Charlie Gravina, Lysa Newhall, Blanca Rosa, Kyle Shurtleff

Community members unable to attend: Robin Kimber, Welch Florist; Cassandra Farguheson, Lynn Community Health Clinic

Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

2. Establish Norms for the Meetings:

- Student and Family Centered
- Ensure all Perspectives are shared
- Pause and Reflect before sharing

3. Our Goals for this Council

- A. How to improve the communication between families and school. How to disperse information better? Maybe throughout the year investigate different platform or alternative methods.
- B. How to get more families and community agencies into our school setting? Distinguish between events that support students and families and events that are simply for fun to build community.
- C. How to message the work we are doing around Social Justice and Inclusiveness to our family community?
- D. Set an events calendar

4. Review of School Improvement Action Plan 2019

Two main foci for the current SY:

1. Increase Data Literacy Skills by formatively assessing student learning while the teaching is happening and responding to that learning by meeting diverse needs
2. Offer Professional Development to meet the needs of diverse students population – EL and Special Education Strategies

Recommended changes/additions:

Include family and engagement goals in new SIP SY20-22

5. School Data Results in the New Accountability System

What does it mean to be “Requiring Assistance or Intervention”?

6. Discussion of Outreach to Family Community

Review the Community Fair initiative last year.

Decide whether to pursue again. Yes here are suggestions –

1. Expand to include outside activities so community members see it. Block party vibe. Consider increasing festivities around food – food trucks
2. Promote sooner to a wider audience
3. Connect with local businesses such as car club to show off cars, competitions like bake offs, invite fire dept. truck
4. Remember to include Beyond Walls, NAGLY- Salem, Red de inmigrante, youth career center to discuss summer jobs

Determine goals for this year

See goals for the Council

7. Meeting Dates established for the SY 20

-January 9, 2020

-Set dates at next meeting

8. Next Agenda Items

Review SIP Draft Document for Approval

Review the notes from last year’s community fair and plan SY20 Community Fair.

Brainstorm Fun Outreach Community events – International Night, Movie Night (consider offering Mother’s Helpers who can set up a playroom for children)

