

School Council Minutes

March 12, 2019

Time: 4 - 5pm

Location: School Conference Room

Members in Attendance:

Mary Reilly - Community Member

Brenda Lepicier - Parent Member

Jodi - Szczepaniak-Locke, - Parent Member

Eric Ziemba - Grade 5 Teacher

Julieann Haskins, - Technology Teacher

Martha Wiley - Principal

Agenda

School Council looked at the Google, Vocal Survey that was created by our 6th grade students. Students in grades 4-6 took the survey that looked at school safety, the school environment and student engagement. All results were shared with School Council members and are available in Google Docs.

Budget - This week on March 14th Superintendent Grady will be presenting the budget that is significantly higher than in previous years. Main reason is that our costs have gone up to maintain the current programming we have at Lanesborough.

Proposed Staffing Positions for the 2019 -2020 school year

We discussed recommended positions as a follow up to our January 2019 meeting where the council thought it would be important to be sure a librarian was hired for the 2019-2020 school year. The council also agreed that we needed to look at the needs of the 21st century learner in regards to library and technology and to see if it would be possible to continue to think about this position as a Library Media Specialist.

Increasing Physical Education to include health and wellness as this is needed to support our implementation of SEL instruction.

Increasing Art to support STEAM Education as we look to continue our School Improvement Goal in Science Education.

Music to maintain our vocal and instrumental music program.

Enrollment

We discussed projected enrollment for next year as our Kindergarten Registration was held on March 5th and 6th.

School Council discussed School Choice as this discussion occurred at School Committee during the February meeting. Mrs. Wiley shared that enrollment was looked as a region this year as we continue to look ahead at numbers for our middle and HS sections.

School Choice will not be open at Lanesborough or Mount Greylock for the 2019-2020 school year.

Olmsted Grant Update:

SEL -School Wide training in Responsive Classroom

STEAM -School Wide Training from the Flying Cloud Institute

Next months agenda will take a look at SEL Curriculum currently being used at LES during Community Building.

Request made to have the School Council Agenda posted to the towns website

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2019 at 4pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Meeting notes submitted on 3/14