

School Council Meeting Notes  
November 15, 2016

Attendees: Jackie, Jen, Carrie, Mary Anne and Debbie

Shout Outs:

- Heather - attending the NYC writing coaching class at Columbia University
- Jan Tyner - high energy lessons with students and creative implementation of reading and writing techniques
- SES staff - continually supporting each other and students
- PTO - successful Election Day bake sale

Safety Meeting Updates:

Staff visited the Town Hall for walk thru of reunification plan and roles; staff appreciated the clarification and opportunity to see location. Transportation depends on circumstances.

Two fire drills and a lockdown drill have occurred. Front door will now be locked after 4:30 while afterschool is still on the premise. A wireless doorbell has been put in place for parents to pick up.

Staffing Updates:

Principal Mendosa has hired a long term music substitute, Becca Flinker, who has a degree and in music and theatre experience.

A posting for a school nurse is now open.

SIF has been approved by School Committee. They appreciate the council's work and look forward to the Spring survey results/input.

Brainstorm topics that School Council would like to address:

- Homework
- Principal explained that there are opportunities for staff professional growth
- Mary Anne wondered if we are provide collaboration with Amherst MS

Increased parent communications to Principal regarding homework. SES currently does not have a homework policy; it has a homework guideline. Suggestion: bring the question to staff for input. SC members will investigate research on homework and bring it back to the next meeting. Brainstorm on how we can collect parent feedback on the issue.