

SES School Council Minutes
October 7, 2014
3:30 - 4:45

In Attendance:

Jackie Mendonsa, Renee Richard, Mark Conrad, Jennifer Swender, Mary Anne Antonellis, Debbie Lee

Minutes:

Meeting began with brief introductions and Jackie thanked all members for their continued support and participation. She stated that the new website has received positive community feedback and explained that efforts continue to develop it.

Roles & responsibilities were discussed; Jackie will assume responsibility as Chair and Mark agreed to take on the role of Co-chair. Timekeeper and Note-taking jobs will rotate on a monthly basis.

The vision and mission of School Council is to provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss school concerns and produce a School Improvement Plan that aims to address educational needs. This year, council will be discussing impending shifts in curriculum.

Jackie provided a principal's update on the first month of school:

1. Our current enrollment is 155 (and 135 without PreK)
2. Five new hires were welcomed to SES in response to changes in personnel.
3. Additional staffing needs surfaced in the first month of school; thus Jackie and Bob will continue to monitor budgetary needs and support.

MCAS summary results were distributed and discussed. SES has experienced a slight shift from level 1 to 2; not uncommon for schools of this size. Further discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting.

This year's SES professional development program strives to incorporate Action Research training in support of Math, Literacy and Diverse Needs to support professional learning communities in their work to deliver effective instruction.

The group spent a few minutes reviewing last year's SCC survey results. The following items were raised for future discussed:

1. Lunch seating
2. Afterschool Program

3. Wellness policy on milk
4. Concerns around low response rate
5. Conversation regarding future 5/6 split
6. Reevaluate questionnaire: format, questions and mechanism for providing feedback

A brief moment was taken to examine the SIP submitted last year. The copy present was submitted to the superintendent but there was some confusion around dates reflected in the timeline.

Ann Shea has expressed interest in joining School Council and will join as a parent representative. Mark Conrad will become a community rep based on his association with Expeditionary Learning.

Next Meeting Agenda Items include:

- Data Analysis
- PARCC