

Abbot School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting date	Oct 12, 2021
Time	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Location	Virtual
Members present	Lori McDermott, Jaime Kelly, Chris Stanvick, Jennifer Martinson, Melissa Mackey, Karen Wiczynski, Prajakta Kale, Katie Lemire
Others present	Danielle Thompson
Members absent	
Discussion summary	Agenda item # 1- Approve June 2021 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved • Made by: Karen Wiczynski • Seconded by: Chris Stanvick Abbot Grade 4
	Agenda item #2: School Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on being back in school-unique challenges for bringing students back to school • Focus on Social emotional learning- building a culture of belonging • Working on reminding students on how to feel happy, safe and comfortable back in school • Community Meetings removed from calendar, will find alternate way to connect with students • PTO decided not to do monthly school store, Holiday Store will happen in the gymnasium • Covid cases update- no transmission in the classroom
	Agenda item #3 School Improvement Plan Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 2020-21 Goals • Goal 1 was accomplished- hygiene • Goal 2 was accomplished-remote/hybrid model • Goal 3 Social emotional adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accomplished: Use of Panorama survey to address social emotional needs of staff • Partially-accomplished Trauma invested classroom- more work to be done on how to move forward with staff (ongoing) • Accomplished: Transition activities between schools

New School Improvement Plan for 2021-22

- Reviewed School Data (enrollment)
- Goal : Social Emotional Adjustment
 - Expanding the adjustment counselor services
- Possible Strategy Goal 2: School Refusal
 - Lori will look at the data to see if Abbot needs this as a goal
- Strategy: Grade 2 to 3 transition
 - Abbot counselor is working .5 at Nabnasset and .5 at Abbot that will help with transition
- Strategy: Increasing parent involvement - possible study group on anxiety, other issues. Possibly with Mrs. Grassi, Mrs. Mozeika, Mrs. Mackinnon
 - Mrs. Mackey suggested the strategies be put into a newsletter with the lessons (book titles), language
 - Mrs. Kale suggested maybe a lesson on yoga ways to teach breathing
 - Mrs. McDermott suggested putting a guidance update on her weekly update
 - Mrs. Thompson suggested that some parents would like more information in real time on the guidance topics. Would like to volunteer to share breathing strategies etc.
 - Mrs. Wiczynski mentioned sharing the language being used in the classroom
- Strategy: Fostering Collaboration to build classroom community
 - Morning announcements

Goal 2: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Strategy: Providing professional development to teachers
- We had PD today and focused on hidden rules and implicit bias
- Big topics that will be ongoing- leadership team is working on a book group together, administrators are on a district wide DEI committee, Abbot has one and will start soon
- Ms. Martinson talked about building our Abbot library on diverse books
- Mrs. Mackey- parents would like book topics to have the conversations with children in elementary school
- Mrs. Wiczynski- PTO has funds that they need to spend if you give her the book titles

Goal 3: To implement assessment practices that inform instruction and impact achievement of all students

- Strategy: Looking at data from Universal Screeners (iReady is new)
- Strategy: Tier 1 targeted support
- Strategy: Continue to implement Lexia, Dreambox, Raz Kids

Plan will be presented at the November School Committee Meeting

	Mrs. Mackey suggested an in-person meeting for SAC. Time will work from 3-4pm. November 9th is the next meeting. Mrs. McDermott will send a survey to see if people prefer in-person or virtual.
Actions taken	
Action items	Create a survey for in-person or virtual meeting
Agenda items for next meeting	
Motion to Adjourn	Made by: Melissa Mackey Seconded: Jaime Kelly Vote: Time: 4:16