

Abbot School Advisory Council Agenda

Attendance: Pete Myerson, Melissa Richard, Laura Anderson, Lauren Allen, TJ Elder, Jessica Evangelista, Anne Pumphrey, Julie Murell, Karen Wiczynski, Juzar Shakir (remote)

1. Welcome new members

- Juzar, Anne, Lauren, Jessica

2. Review the role of the council

- what we talk about - School Improvement plan, budget
- volunteer- meet once per month (none in June)
- If you can't make a meeting, we will share the notes
- Information from DESE provided in folder

3. Share and discuss the new School Improvement Plan

- copy provided in the folder
- aligned with the District Improvement Plan
- aligned with other 3-5 schools
- KW - different schools are teaching different things. Is there any alignment across district.
 - i. May have been a result of ELA - with new curriculum, there should be more alignment with EL
 - ii. Science/Social Studies seem to be the biggest discrepancy
 - 1. may be taught to different depths, but same concepts are covered
 - 2. Science and Social Studies can be addressed in different ways.
 - a. EL curriculum allows more expository text to introduce concepts.
 - 3. midway through 6th grade things seem to even out.
- Equity Audit
 - i. looking for DEI committee at the 3-5 spearheaded by Chris Sardella
 - 1. any reason we don't do DEIB (belonging) - Added at StonyBrook
- What defines Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 instruction
 - i. 1- general education
 - ii. 2-some extra help Math/Reading Intervention
 - iii. 3- Literacy Specialist
- Goal 3.1 - A lot harder than it looks!
 - i. parent conferences - no longer at night (12:30-5:00) with virtual option
 - ii. instead of 10 question survey - one quick question at the beginning of a meeting to show how they are feeling - dipstick over the course of a year
 - 1. work with the PTO on how to increase the mood pick-me-up

4. Share happenings at Abbot

- Great first 6 weeks
- biggest population - incoming 3rd grade 145. 385 students

- moved many rooms in the building - better use of space
- 8 sections of 3rd grade (18 per classroom)
- 6 sections of 4th and 5th grade (20-21 per classroom)
- New ELA program - teachers got it on the first day of school. It's hard but they are doing a great job. K-2 starts next year. Once it is K-5 it will be a lot more effective.
- Different philosophy - was small leveled groups but now moved to grade standard with accommodations.
 - i. what kind of training would be helpful?
 - 1. PD days are dedicated to EL Education
 - 2. Curriculum meetings are dedicated
 - ii. Goes very deep, integrates Science/Social Studies
- Movie Night - very well attended
- Science Night - November 17th
- First Day of Play rehearsal - Nemo Junior
 - i. highest number of participants
 - ii. What will happen for showings this year

5. Other News:

- Unit A (teachers) has a signed contract
- TA just approved the contract- waiting to go through school committee
- What's happening with Lexia/Dreambox, etc.
 - i. Lexia is available at the moment, but our subscription is ending, used only for students with specific goals
 - ii. iReady is being used in place of DreamBox
-

6. Brainstorm topics we may want to work on this year

- What do you want to bring to the table?

7. Next Meeting: November 28th (Week after Thanksgiving)