



STONY BROOK SCHOOL

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School Advisory Council 2020-2021

The Stony Brook School Advisory Council collaborates respectfully and efficiently while developing and assessing goals towards a common objective in a fun environment that fosters listening and sharing and encourages feedback.

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2021

Time: 2:30 Location: Conference room or B105.

Council Members:

Principal	Rick McElhinney - Present
Parent	Prajakta Kale - Present
Parent	Pooja Krishnamurthy - Present
Parent	Seema Pusalkar - Present
Parent	Tom Hinkle - Present
Parent	Arty Mourtzinis - Absent
Faculty	Michele Dulczewski - Present
Faculty	Mary Larkin - Present
Community	Beverly Doucette - Present

Agenda:

- Introduce additional members not present last meeting
- Review and Accept minutes from October's meeting
- Review/discuss/update SIP
- Accept and Sign SIP

Discussion:

- Bev Doucette as the community member. A former teacher and parent.
- Add in a part under Goal 2 about "Cultural Competence" being a part of staff professional development. Working with Kalise Warnum's ideas.
 - Hidden rules -- How can the staff work to better identify and understand the hidden rules that we have so that we can rid our teaching of them?
 - Are we going to be examining the curriculum to add in the literature that reflects our cultures?
 - Yes. We are constantly reviewing our texts and working to revise our curriculum.
 - We will be including the book *Stamped* in the 8th-grade curriculum this year. We will use it as one source of history, placing it in comparison with traditional history books.
 - Should we include this as a goal to ensure that all teachers are working on this and not just a few who have an interest in it?

- We are also on Westford's town-wide DEI committee, but not necessarily mentioned on the SIP. We are doing things that are not always listed out individually on the plan. (Picking books to diversify our library, classroom libraries.)
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Decisions:

- Review minutes from last meeting, motion to accept by Seema, seconded by Pooja, accepted by unanimous vote.
- Change the "I" in PRIDE as our school motto to Inclusivity.
- Rick added in a part about enhancing the curriculum. The measure of success? Adding in things we have done to include more diverse literature?
 - Could we survey the kids to ask, "Do you see yourself reflected in the curriculum/literature?"
 - Will cite the changes in curriculum over the course of two years.
- Motion to accept the SIP as written by Rick, seconded by Seema, voted to accept unanimously.

Action Items & Person Responsible:

- Rick will present the School Improvement Plan to the School Committee on Monday, November 22, 2021.