

School Council Notes 12-2-2020 & 12-16-2020

Members Present 12-2-2020: Bobby Tynes, Steve Kelley, Pam Pecchio, Nicole Sullivan, Cathy Serrano
Carolyn Rodrigues, Leslie Williams-Dunn

Members Absent 12-2-2020: Dahir Abdi, Omar Mhildiun

Guests Present 12-2-2020: Rachelle Begley, Katie Stockman, Tina Lieu, Maria Collins, Marnie Gale,
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Members Present 12-16-2020: Bobby Tynes, Pam Pecchio, Nicole Sullivan, Leslie Williams-Dunn

Members Absent 12-16-2020: Omar Mhildiun, Carolyn Rodrigues, Steve Kelley, Cathy Serrano

Guests Present 12-16-2020: Katie Stockman, Tina Lieu, Maria Collins, Marnie Gale, Megan Postal, Eliza
Rafferty, Renee Daniliuk

Member Dahir Abdi will no longer be on SC. Bobby will look into who will replace him.

At the 12-2/2020 meeting introductions were made and Bobby gave us a view of his background.

At the 12-16-2020 meeting we started with a check in on how everyone attending was feeling.

General Information:

- The School Council (SC) has been trying to come up with ways on how the SC can best be used. We have been trying to find a way for parents to reach out and feel more connected to the SC. The SC is waiting for a report out from the Peabody Equity Committee. Pam suggested we look at how the SC is run at other schools and model ours after theirs.
- Tina Lieu felt that the SC in the past has done more about telling parents things that have been worked on and less about the parents being involved
- Steve said that a lot of our SC meetings in the past have focused on our School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Pam asked if a parent representative does not make the meeting how can the other parents in attendance fill in
- Steve asked if the SC members could be given a task/job to focus on to get the work of the SC completed
- Adding another SC meeting for December 16th to the calendar. We will meet 7:30-8:30

Principal's Report:

- Equity Committee meeting being held 12/16/2020 @ 2:30pm
- Bobby will respond to emails within 48 hours and is working to catch up so please be patient
- We will continue to structure the SC and define the roles within SC
- SC has a lot of work ahead and we will be diving right in and getting things accomplished
- Reviewed Norms:
 - Attend all meetings
 - Listen with openness
 - Ask questions
 - Report to staff and families

Friends of Peabody (FoP) Report:

- Working with Connections on the Little Free Library
- Outreach underway to teachers about grants

Peabody Connections Report:

- Met in December and are working on family engagement especially for the remote families to feel more connected.
- Social Justice group met and focused on how to focus the work needed to be done and how to implement the ideas being generated.
- Eliza Rafferty is leading the staff appreciation group with the focus on showing appreciation throughout the year and stepping away from holiday gifts only.
- Working on a Little Free Library with FoP
- Working on getting the Yerxa Street park remodeled.
- Trees in front of the school are being replaced

Additional Reports:

- Pam spoke on how we plan to use SC. State mandate is for discussion around the School Improvement Plan but she wants to look at how the gaps can be filled in by SC. Pam and Bobby will meet to focus on agenda creating, coming up with a meeting structure and getting SC ready to accomplish goals within the last 6 meetings.
- The SC moving forward will take an active role in moving the equity work forward
- SC will be made to be more structured and work more with other school groups
- Have reports from other school groups with representation from those groups attend SC meetings
- SC will play a big role in the equity audit
- SC will work with the other schools in our triad
- Agenda's for SC are already on the school website
- Bobby will send Leslie notes to add to the SC notes
- Make a list of who votes on SC. Find out how many members can be on SC and how many needed for a quorum.
- Come up with ways to spread the word that families can attend SC meetings so they can be aware of what is happening in the school
- Concerns about equity with in-person and remote students will be brought to the attention of FAC
- Need a FoP board member to attend SC meetings to report out