Maria L. Baldwin School Council

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April 23, 2024
Baldwin School Council Minutes
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

School Council Members in Attendance

Caitlin Dube, Kate Flaim, Matt Meyerson, Eugenia Schraa Huh, Chunying Yue Heidi Cook, Corianne LaBounty, Sara Oliveira, Susan Tiersch Also present: Vienna Cheng, Serena Facchinetti, Jonathan Thielman, Ashley Williams,

Public Comment

Question about Hindu holidays.

Agenda: School Based Survey

If we were to do our own survey to our school community, what would that entail?

Who?

- Representative from each grade
- Demographics groups as wide as possible
- New to Baldwin and veteran parents
- IEP families
- Goal what can we do better?
- Who are the under-represented groups from the district survey?
- Students should be represented
- Staff should be represented

What?

- Concern about survey fatigue
- Other ways to gather this information
- In-person survey (with treats!)

How?

- Room parents as first phase of outreach
- Face to face
- Friends email list
- Flyers (this is a must, there are too many emails and things get lost, paper is good)
- School council members do outreach to families they have connections with
- Include "What's a question you'd like to see on the survey". People will look for their questions
- Drop boxes keeps it anonymous
- Also include a QR code on the flyer to gives families another option

Questions:

What questions do we want answered?

Will there be a separate survey for teachers?

Be sure to include questions like "what is your favorite thing about Baldwin" and "what are your hopes and dreams"

Would like to have a focus group with students to get their voices and ideas.

Concerts are coming up --- concerts bring in many parents. Good opportunity to get participation.

Should there be optional questions to tell us about your family? (to get demographic information)

Approaching the end of the school year. Should we send out a quick survey that asks what they would like to see on a survey to take in the fall? Call it 'Baldwin Snack-Sized Spring Survey'.

Next meeting: May 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda: Review of the 'Baldwin Snack-Sized Spring Survey' and screen time.