

Notes:

Complete school council now - Elena Tate new member

Budget- changes.

1) Cody dinner - donation used to cover it all, now it doesn't. Came up that tricky for kids to choose one parent → transitioning to two caregivers

2) CKLA materials and math materials are expensive. 15,000+ for just consumables. Same with IM. Needs to be replaced annually

Caleb: Who to flag this concern with - why coming out of SIP and not core district materials?

Surprised that something core to instruction is in SIP budget.

Sam: First year of implementation district pays, after first year school pays. First time ELA has workbooks and consumables. Doesn't stray from district policy. Can bring concern back to the finance department. Budget meetings in December that can be brought up. Saved a little money with 5th grade. Sam will look into who the best person is.

3) Host 3 parent workshops. Got more parents in evening block than morning. Money to stipend staff to deliver workshops.

Email addresses:

Kevin is able to connect us to email addresses. Sam shared names of members. Working on getting email addresses. Allows the community to connect with members.

Wonderings: Google email address? Is there value in having a schoolcouncil@

Juan - one email. Rules, who monitors and who responds?

Caleb - purpose is not a dialogue. Purpose is to raise an issue for school council.

Google form instead?

Virtual Meetings:

Our members should be in person or virtual. Hybrid is tricky.

If adherence to structure of public comment then yes, but if allowing non-council member who is virtual to contribute?

Sam - thinking about how school committee runs. Observing then at end share comment.

Caregiver educator conferences:

Three criteria staff came up with:

Include caregiver and student voice

Data

Provide strategies and resources

Draft survey to send out to families.

Student voice: Grade 3-5 student join. Student reflect on how doing in school. Looking at report card; goals they have; things they feel successful about; things they want extra help on.

Data and student work: if a parent is really concerned about math, for example, allows teacher to show work around that concern. Have concrete data to have convo with

Strategies: intervention, tutoring, home strategies (i-ready, other tools)

Survey:

Worry about the use of the word "term". Could you rephrase it? What's the date range?

Where will these surveys go? → Draft can be tweaked by each teacher. Each teacher will be forced to make a copy of the survey. They will then be the owner of the survey. Once get responses forward specialists coordinate a meeting

Elena- like survey and asking for parent input. Wondering if criticism in past or based on engagement. Context? How will it be sent out? Translation in languages? If people divorced, both people get it?

No complaints or concerns of conferences. However, when thinking about district goals it makes sense. Using opportunity to walk away with how to support - coming from district level to establish academic partners with families. Staff being asked to meet desperately with parents. When there is a legal document that prevents parents from being in same meeting, honor that. Important for both parents to hear meeting. Sam has joined meetings to support dynamic. Hard when 25 students and then have to do double up.

Juan - keep objective in mind. Careful not to make it too complicated.

Doing paper copies and online. Will do both. Tricky if paper to come back.

Xinhua concern: Good amount of parents say their kids don't have enough time/portions for lunch. Related question around breakfast. Snack option in classroom and after school program - how good for kids.

Members from food services came in this morning. One thing they are looking at in terms of breakfast, ensure there is a protein with breakfast so it is more filling. Some things are in teh works. Shared concerns around portion size. Are they serving recommended portions?
Talked to Donna about what is being advertised is served.

Have to take complete meal - gets wasted

Storage piece tricky.

Complicated subject to discuss.