

Urban Science Academy
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

- I. Welcome & Agenda Overview
 - a. Meeting began at 6:10pm and ended at 8:35pm
 - b. Introductions of guests Al Watson from the Office of Engagement, New parent member Lateefe Stewart, and Principal Intern George Papayannis. All SSC members were in attendance.

- II. Review of February 4th Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were read and approved excluding the below section.
 - b. Discussed one line in section IX Proposal to Modify Science Sequence. Clarification: SSC did not hold a vote on the Science Sequence Proposal.

- III. Establish Date & Time for PSC Interviews of Perspective Biology Teachers
 - a. Personnel sub-committee to interview Biology teacher candidates March 30, 2016, 3-6pm.

- IV. QSP Update
 - a. Staff Survey was distributed and the results will be provided in the next SSC meeting.
 - b. Successes
 - i. High rate of attempting EBA strategies in the classrooms
 - ii. Common language being used
 - iii. Surpassed the expectation in math classes
 - c. Challenges
 - i. Not consistent comfort or skill level with EBA across the faculty
 - ii. Hard to incorporate writing into math

- V. OneGoal
 - a. Ms. Johnson has been selected as the OneGoal Program Manager for USA.
 - b. Program targets 11th grade students with a 2-2.7 gpa.
 - c. Program works with these students to help them enroll in a college and follows them through the first year of college.

- VI. LIME Program
 - a. Mentor program for girls sponsored by Boston University
 - b. Program targets juniors and are matched based upon shared academic/career interests.
 - c. More information to come when this program rolls out.

- VII. Modification to USA Science Program Sequence
 - a. March 21, 2016 meeting with the Director of Science

- VIII. Review and Discussion of Attendance Data
- a. Mr. Papayannis presented graphs which indicate a decline in student attendance specifically the 9th and 10th grades.
 - b. Further discussion is needed before making any recommendations for a solution.
- IX. "Parent Rounds" at USA
- a. It was presented that USA build a group of parents to participate in parent rounds similar to what Mr. Cook and teachers currently participate in.
 - b. Further discussion is needed before creating a parent group.
- X. Enhanced Safety Protocols
- a. Doors are locked until 6:50am.
 - b. Faculties from both schools are at the doors during key hours throughout the day.
 - c. Anyone entering the building late will go through the metal detector.
 - d. Every visitor will need to sign in and sign out.
 - e. Further discussion will be had on how best communicate to teachers during an emergency.
- XI. Upcoming Events
- Social Media Awareness Assembly March 11, 2016
 - 9th Grade Mandatory After School Program
 - ELA MCAS- March
 - International Night ~ April 14th
 - Young People's Success Series March 12, 2016, 9:30-12pm
 - Young Men's Leadership Conference March 12, 2016, 9:00-3:00
- XII. Propose Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- a. Senior Graduation Sash Proposal
 - b. QSP Staff Survey
 - c. Fundraising Initiatives and Grant Writing
 - d. International Night
 - e. Enhanced Safety Protocols if any further discussion is needed