

Urban Science Academy
School Site Council Meeting
April 28, 2016

Attendees: M. Zabala, J. Cook, A. Le, S. Mulligan, D. Hunt, and C. Sweeney

Start: 6: 20 PM

- I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda
- II. Review of March 10th Meeting Minutes
 - a. Add to May Meeting: What are the next steps to the attendance discussion? Information is being gathered and a report will be submitted.
 - b. Minutes approved.
- III. Humanities
 - a. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 2 – 4:30
 - b. 4 candidates
 - c. Hiring Committee: Bobby, Ivette, Sweeney, Deidra, and Jeff
 - d. 30 minutes interview with a 10 minute demo lesson
- IV. Spanish Teacher Interviews
 - a. Tentative dates – Tuesday, May 10th.
- V. Senior Graduation Sash Proposal → no longer needed
- VI. QSP Update – Staff Survey Results
 - a. The survey has mixed results. 10 teachers did not respond. 15 are comfortable/satisfied with the survey.
 - b. Questions from the group regarding the survey from Sarah Mayper (EBA)
 - i. How many classroom teachers are there? 30 teachers. 2/3 of the teachers responded to the survey
 - ii. How is staff feedback being incorporated to revise and plan for future EBA PDs? For the June 7th PD, EBA should plan some time to take staff feedback regarding their experience.
 - c. A group of Harvard individuals will be at USA for instructional rounds later this month. This will help with the instructional focus on the school in regards to feedback.
- VII. Fundraising Initiatives and Grant Writing
 - a. Mount Ida intern duties are being revised to include grant writing
 - b. Seniors have raised and collected about \$6,000 for their activities. It will cover graduation expenses, prom, senior lunch reception, and a possible senior awards

and parent celebration event.

- VIII. Enhanced Safety Protocols
 - a. Metal detector screening in the morning
 - b. Visitors are checking in and obtaining name tags
 - c. Mr. Sweeney proposed Hallway Monitoring during an admin duty – added to end of school year staff discussion

- IX. Facilities Work Order
 - a. Sam DePina says there is no money in the budget to fix the doors and locks
 - b. First floor main door needs to be fixed

- X. Bright Spots
 - a. Debate Team – most improved
 - b. Poetry Team – making it to Semi Finals
 - c. DreamFar – Ishmael running Boston Marathon and rest of the team running the Providence marathon
 - d. Scholarships – Joslyn C. full scholarship to Bunker Hill Community College for health service and nursing, Gabe V. full scholarship to Boston College, Hibak H. full scholarship to Denison
 - e. Quest Bridge Scholars – three juniors are advancing in the next rounds of scholarship. If they complete and meet the requirements, they will receive a full scholarship.

- XI. New Special Education Programming
 - a. Setting up a high functioning strand of autism with social pragmatics course.
 - b. Building in more supports for students with significant language disabilities
 - c. Redesign math enrichment/discrete math course over the entire year instead of one semester – increase supports for students

- XII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Decision Day – April 29
 - b. Harvard Instructional Rounds – May 5th
 - c. Math MCAS – May 17 and 18th
 - d. Design for Justin Interdisciplinary Unit – May 19th – 27th

- XIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
 - a. Attendance data from March meeting
 - b. Mass Insight Partnership

- XIV. School Site Council Future Meetings
 - a. Thursday, May 19th
 - b. Thursday, June 2nd