

School Site Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2016

Attendees: Malika Morris, Marie Pierre, Even Chamberlin, Olinka Briceno, Magda Zabala, Fifi Fuentes, Yeturde Folajimi, Nickoliss Twohads, Joe Okafor, Ellen Steel, Ivette Rivera, Jeff Cook, Susan Enedoude, Blanca Burgos

I. Review and Approval of November Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes – All accepted.

II.

- Review of QSP – SSC would like to see data pertaining to the development of our QSP; will be provided at next meeting.
- Pg 14, it's easier to have humanities team review curriculum and have more cultural relevant materials. Suggestions were made for grade level teams to review textbooks that are more cultural relevant for students, especially when considering the new biology text for Grade 9 students.
- ILT is having discussions and on the topic “culturally relevant instruction” in an effort to plan upcoming professional development for teachers
- Pg. 7 question regarding MCAS critical writing, skills and built confidence. There are two coaches working with teachers and teams to assist in assessing and developing student's skills. \$17,500 of the budget funds is allocated to the coaches.
- What is the rate of progress students are making? SSC members would like to review data that answers this question.
- Data will be presented to SSC in our January meeting.
- What resources are available to parents that could help them support their children and USA's QSP. Some suggestions included a parent night focused on curriculum and EBA instructional strategies, writing support for families, Teen in Print, 826 Non profit writing center, Khan Academy App.

- We will vote on endorsing the plan after reviewing data during our January meeting.

III. Finalize PSC - Next Meeting 1/12/17

IV. Set Date for January SSC Meeting to Review FY18 Budget – January 12th, 2017 budget – send budget prior to meeting – 5:15pm – 7:45pm

V. New Partnership with Dartmouth SEAD – Full Time intern for 9th grade mentorship, with the opportunity for students to attend Dartmouth College summer program for 2 to 3 weeks. Summer Program is through participation and invitation by Dartmouth College. Intern is starting on January 9th, 2017.

VI. New Position – Inclusion Paraprofessional available for math, position is posted.

VIII. Report Out from Councilor O'Malley's Visit – City Councilor was impressed with the “amazing work” being done at USA; he offered his support with regards to the state of the building.

IX. Upcoming Events

- Holiday Concert – Friday, December 15, 2016
- Holiday Party – Thursday, December 22, 2016
- Science Week Events – January 17 -19, 2017
- MLK Day of Service – Saturday, January 14th, 2017 from 7:30 to 3:30pm