

School Site Council Meeting Notes  
10/20/16

Attendees:

Jeff Cook, Malika Morris, Marie Pierre, Karrien VanLesten, Ellen Seele, Raggie Fuller, Caroline Ambris, Peter Hughes, Magda Zabala, Alethia Perry Reneil, Ivette Rivera, Fianelys Fuentes, Evens Chamberlan, Olina Briceno

Meeting began at 6:15 with introductions and an icebreaker.

- Karrien Van Lester volunteered to Co Chair the Council with Mr. Cook.
- SSC introductions of rules, ILT, guidelines, budgets and share decision making process. – Ivette Rivera read the basic highlights and voting protocol.
- Any parents attending any of the SSC training please make sure you report back to the group and share learning.
  
- Suggestions of attending the SSC training, such as SSC 101, Budgeting and Hiring
  
- Next meeting schedule for Nov. & Dec., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – 7:45pm  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 – 7:45pm

January will probably have additional meeting time due to BPS and School Budget deadlines.

- Introduction of our New “Why;” Parent gave feed back about the new “why” they felt this is what they hoped their child would learn as they enter adulthood.
  
- Introduction of Computer Science Pathway Program, Fifi spoke about her experience with mastering the skills of maneuvering the robots and coding. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take career inventory assessments in order to identify students with interest in the field  
Peter spoke about how this opportunity is presented to students, he suggested that USA should think about to introduce the subject within relevant context to students, ex: coding for sports team, what does coding look like in a sport setting?
  
- Verizon 20K grant for students to partner up with small local business to assess a small business needs and maybe develop an app. Karrien VanLesten

expressed an interested since he has a real estate company. Jeff will reach out to him.

- Karrein asked how are we looking to recruit partnerships to support the computer science lab program.
- One Goal - mentorship of college freshmen starting within high school, this is available to students beginning their junior year.
- Symphonize – 1<sup>st</sup> program of it's kind in the city of Boston, students on high end of theautism spectrum attend social skills class, role-play activities, and work on study skills with staff in a full inclusion setting. Program is over capacity, there is big demand, USA is hoping to expand this model. This program also offers programming thru the summer.
- Mass Insight – Provides professional development and other resources for AP teachers, and provides additional support to students via the Saturday Study Sessions at O'Bryant.
- Student Intervention Program – Weekly academic coaching and monitoring; offer students more directed studies; targeted toward for students who are averaging a C/D. Please call Ms. Briceno or the Guidance Counselor should you believe your child would benefit from this support.

Noted items for next months agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45