

## **School Site Council Meeting Notes 11/17/16**

**Attendees:** Jeff Cook, Marrie Pierre, Ellen Steele, Peter Hughes, Ivette Rivera, Fianelys Furntes, Evan Chamberlin, Olinka Bricneo, Blanca Burgos, Malika Morris, Jean Petit Fiere, Althia Parry, Joe Okafor, Karriem Van Lester.

Review of SSC minutes, Marie motions to accept the minutes.

Magda Zabala attended the District Training; she was not available to report back to the group.

### **Review of Personnel Sub Committee Members,**

Ivette Rivera

Blanca Burgos

Joe Okafor – Still Need an Alternate Student

Peter Hughes – Still Need an Alternate Parent

Jeff Cook

### **Review of School Wide Initiatives Programs –**

Student Intervention Program – Additional support offers to students who have below average grades get directed studies with a teacher offering tutoring.

Report cards are coming out 11/18/16, if families feel students could benefit from academic coaching please reach out to Ms. Briceno.

**Evidence Based Argumentation** – Students are utilizing EBA, students are utilizing the skills in math, AP Biology and across the curriculum. Mr. Headly reported he was able to recruit students through EBA to join Debate Group with Boston Debate League.

**Revise Instructional Focus** – Students exposed to rigorous, culturally relevant and evidence based discourse. In the lower grades students are working on evidence based research. The upper grades are practicing argumentative and debate skills.

**Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model** – Ellen Steele spoke and introduces the model and tier interventions. Tier 1 Prevention, Tier 2 Targeted, Tier 3 Intensive. This model has facilitated growth in academic achievement and reduced disciplines concerns. In the next couple of months USA will consider rolling out a monthly recognition event for students.

**Restorative Justice** – Students enjoy the format, Ivette utilized in he class the day after the elections. Students requested a circle in Student Government Class the day after the elections. USA is committed to expanding Restorative Justice as part of our Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model efforts.

**Student Activities Fee** – Parent asked if there is anyway of sponsorships for students who couldn't afford the senior dues. Student Gov. is willing to sponsor a few students through fundraising. Graduation date may change if we find a location that is cost effective or similar in price as the field.

**State of USA Facilities** – Ivette showed a slide show of the current conditions of school, asking parents to advocate with the school department and Mayor's office. Adrian spoke about the safety of students when doors don't lock as well as the condition of the gym and the workout room. Parents suggested that Matt O'Malley gets a tour of the building. Parents inquire about the building having a needs assessment.

Karriem, suggested Parents Site Council Members drafts a letter to send to the Superintendent and the Mayor's office. He suggested that parents called the Mayor's Office. City Council Mat O'Malley is visiting the school next week; a few parents volunteer to be part of the meeting with Mr. Mat O'Malley. Marie and Karriem will join Mr. Cook to give a tour of the building next week.

**Other:**

Review of upcoming events.

