Urban Science Academy  
School Site Council Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2017  
6:15 – 7:45

Attendees
Jeff: Headmaster
Olinka: Student Affairs & Engagement Coordinator
Benita: Teacher, OneGoal Program Director
Deborah: Grandmother
Nadine: Parent

Overview of the role of school site council reading and review (Olinka)
- no questions
- personnel subcommittee is the hiring committee (most active early spring)

Meeting schedule:
- Thursday evening 1 x per month
- 6:15 – 7:45p
- Sometimes an extra meeting around budget time

Agreed to by all
- Next meeting November 16th; rescheduled for November 30th

Review accountability data
- 85% of students scored proficient or advanced in English language arts (2017 preliminary MCAS data)
- One of the largest CPI gains in the district in ELA
- Largest CPI gain in math (2016-2017) in the district
- Making above average expected growth (ELA)
- Significant decline in the number of students who failed math MCAS compared to previous two years (decline = 2/3 less)
- Failure rate cut in half on science MCAS
- Graduation rate above district average. From 60% to 70%

Overview of school wide initiatives
- Instructional focus (read and reviewed)
  o Quality school plan: strategic plan for bringing instructional focus to fruition.
- OneGoal update: after 10th grade year, w/ established pattern.
  o 13 seniors on track to graduate; 12 to 4-year colleges (all OneGoal partners). Remote advisor w/ goal to ensure students persist through 1st year.
  o 21 juniors enrolled, all are on track to be accepted into a 4-year program. 2 days a week SAT practice. Network and find scholarships based on family profile and interests. Mitigate imposter phenomenon
- Quincy College Dual Enrollment Program Partnership:
  - started this summer, $20k grant from ESE. 28 completed the program; two of the 28 earned Quincy College credits.
  - Dual enrollment courses are offered during the school year at USA.
    - Currently offering: English comp course, pre-calc, and statistics course.

Upcoming events
- October fest (Oct. 27th) – dance, movie, snacks, $3
- Oct. 27th – Puerto Rico fundraiser
- Bake sale Oct. 30, breast cancer awareness month
- BPS Open House (Bolling Building) Oct 28th
- Homecoming Nov. 9th at the school 7pm-10:30 ($10 in adv. $12 at the door)
  - Transportation/ shuttle buses
- Term 1 ends (Nov. 9th)
- School store (fundraiser): student run, business entrepreneurship course
  - Sell - snacks, home cooked meals
- Thanksgiving pot luck November 22
- School showcase: December 9th
- Science week: January 14, 2018

Next meeting
- Continue reviewing Program updates