



**Winthrop Middle School
School Site Council Meeting I
September 25, 2017**

Present: Brian Curley Principal, Justeen Franzese AP; Teachers Dani Foley, Stephanie Pietal, Teresa Dankner, Mr. Beckvold, Coni Moore WHS Liaison; Parents Leslie Lawton, Debbie Chavis; Community Representative Karen Chavis

Agenda

- 3:15 Role of Site Council
- Adding parent(s) to the council
 - One parent
 - Looking for 6th grade representative
 - Use SSC for Budget concerns
- 3:25 Review/Update of SIP
- *Anticipated enrollment of 461 per the SIP, currently at 484
+ 23 students; 15 since school started
Right now we have the school resource officer doing residency checks
HS up 64 students

Looking at the Goals:

SIP Goals → Curriculum Boot camp

- ✚ This year we will work on year-long plans in Science
- ✚ Brian mentioned that the Boot camp having a Unit assessment find ways to spiral back to specific skills Ms. Pietal this will help us find our areas of weakness
- ✚ BC → testing in 5th and 8th in Science
- ✚ Stephanie we saw an increase for 8th grade MCAS scores from 5th Grade
- ✚ Karen mentioned that the 8th grade this year would really show the effectiveness because they will have been in the program for 3 year

Goal #1 - Transition to the new MA Science Frameworks

Goal #2 - To enhance Mathematics Instruction

- ✚ Dani Foley was a math teacher who worked with Looney Math last year; transition to hands-on math instruction since last year
- ✚ Dani stated that it has increased collaboration a lot, and sharing of ideas; differentiated stations cycle through these every two weeks;
- ✚ BC gave teachers time to observe each other, seeing someone in action “adds to their practice” Could be a focus for this year

- ✚ Assessments and getting the data back quickly also makes a difference
- ✚ Dani suggests that maybe the administration should mandate observations rather than a duty

Goal #3 - Use technology to enhance instruction

- ✚ We are leaps and bounds ahead from where we were
- ✚ Mr. Beckvold suggests sending out the survey again this year
- ✚ The one that was used last year → having the assessments helps
- ✚ BC short-answer open responses.
- ✚ Having technology 10 new Chrome books; all 500 were accounted for having them by class, not having the kids carry them around. Now have 510 Chrome books at WMS. 99% of teachers are using the technology.

Goal #4 - Improve the social/emotional learning experiences

- ✚ Every school's improvement plan should have a Social and Emotional learning component
- ✚ Curriculum night Thurs. 9/28/17
- ✚ PTO has a new president, some exciting activities planned; creative, increasing PTO involvement hard.
- ✚ Identifying "Students at Risk"; putting responsibility on the Lead Teachers.

3:40 Next Steps for SIP

Goal #1 Science

- Year Long Plans, Unit Plans, & Unit Assessments
- Taking all of the teachers lessons plan and building Unit Plans

Goal #2 Math Instruction

- Looney PD (special education staff)
- For SPED
- Peer Observations

Goal #3 Technology

- 10 more chrome books
- TenMarks Writing Pilot (6th grade Jaguars)
- BC doesn't know the quality of the program yet; Ms. Levenworth is piloting this
- Common Assessments
- Using Google forms and different items in the Google repertory

Goal #4 Social Emotional Learning

- Core Values/Stand Up as One
- Created at the end of last year will be the big push with the activity committee
- Activities/Clubs
- Currently keeping with \$100 activity fee → covers everything
- Students are not suppose to receive any type of discount for the activities
- Working with the Superintendent to have a morning type program
- We need to have someone in to supervise a morning program
- Parents like having these things before and after school.
- Create Monitoring System

- Life Skills/Health Program
- Wanted to add a person
- Was able to save \$3,000 on Math books
- The gym gets tight on cold days
- WMS doesn't have a health program
- When it's nice out, we could have an indoor and outdoor gym class.
- Will use a blended model with 6th and 7th grade

What do we want to add?

- ✚ SRI data Sept. 6th grade 2017/18
- ✚ Advanced = 30%; Proficient = 25%; Basic = 32%; below basic =13% (these kids will be targeted) [= 100% total]
- ✚ Want to get kids to 80%
- ✚ 7th Grade SRI Advanced 33%; Prof. 25%; Basic 29%; Below Basic 10%
- ✚ 8th Adv 32%; P = 27% Basi 35% Below 6%
- ✚ As a school Adv. 32%
- ✚ SMI 6th grade A = 1%; P = 23%; Basic 34%; Below Basic 42%
- ✚ Math to start the year will push the kids
- ✚ 7th A = 4%; P = 43%; Basic = 27%; Below Basic = 26%
- ✚ 8th A 7%; P= 31%; Basic = 36%; Below Basic = 26%
- ✚ BC confident that when we get our MCAS scores in mid-Oct. that we will see growth in math
- ✚ Ten Marks helps push the rigor
- ✚ Khan Academy, Dani used it at the ATC
- ✚ As our scores keep improving
- ✚ There are a couple of teachers using Ten Marks for homework
- ✚ 10 questions per standard; it doesn't always cover the standard
- ✚ Ten Marks questions based on the "power standards"
- ✚ SSC meetings will take place the 4th Monday of every month
- ✚ Coní motions to adjourn, Teresa seconded; All present were in favor of adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 4:12

Next Meeting, Monday 10/23/17