

School Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Members of the Council:	Lisa Desjarlais: Pelham School principal Suzanne Quinlan: Classroom teacher, grade 5 Nettie Harrington-Pangallo: Classroom teacher, kindergarten Sarah Frenette: Pelham School parent Ron Mannino: Community volunteer
Meeting Minute Taker for the Year	Sarah Frenette
Updates:	<p>1D- African-American Read In Day was a huge success. Local community members attended, including Billy McBride and the new Chief from Amherst. There was great feedback from the event.</p> <p>Ron Maninno is on the School Options Committee. This committee was appointed by the Town Moderator. They are considering a wide variety of options to keep Pelham School open and allow for it to thrive. Next meeting might be on March 13th.</p> <p>Zero Classroom- Alex Hirschberg from James Levine Associates in South Hadley. He is coming in to do a train-the-trainer model. Behaviorists are assigned to Kindergarten and 1st grade. An additional space in the building will be the Zero Classroom. This classroom will be a temporary space for children that need a different setting for a short period of time, especially those in the fight or flight stages. Goal is to assimilate back into the general education classroom.</p> <p>There a different levels and the learner is accompanied by a trained adult.</p> <p>Level 1- Child is doing the work in a different space, might last a day or a few days.</p> <p>Level 2- The child continues to remain in that space and they have lunch and recess with peers. Peer interaction is slowly added back to the school day.</p> <p>Level 3- As the child demonstrates success with the new tools and strategies, they slowly reintegrate into the classroom.</p>
School Improvement Plan	<p>Draft of plan was shared at School Committee Meeting last week. The Committee offered some feedback. Feedback will be considered in the meeting today.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Articulate where we are trying to go- outline the vision more.2) How do we know when we have accomplished what we set out to do?

	<p>Write narrative that creates a vision of what it will look like, feel like and sound like for students, teachers, family members when they are in the school as we work towards meeting the goals.</p> <p>Add a paragraph in the initial narrative that addresses the continuous improvement cycle and how data is collected and evaluated as you move towards meeting the goals.</p>
Future Agenda Items	
Upcoming Meetings	<p>The School Council will meet once a month at 7:45 a.m. in the 5th grade classroom.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place in April.</p>

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Frenette