

School Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017
7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Members of the Council:	<p>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</p>
Meeting Minute Taker for the Year	Sarah Frenette
Updates:	New hires in Pre-K, K, grade 3 and speech and language.
School Climate Survey	<p>PAR (participatory action research) was suggested for adoption by community members. Carol Ross from Amherst Together is the point person.</p> <p>There have been a variety of surveys and fora over the past few years at the school and district level to solicit information to inform the school improvement plan.</p> <p>Pelham will administer a survey this academic year. The school district will not.</p> <p>PBIS has a sample student survey that would be ideal with a few tweaks (remove bobcat, add respect for adults, use google survey). https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ2ZFMB</p> <p>PBIS has a sample parent survey that would be ideal with a few tweaks (reword bullying item and add academics) https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6FFJTRZ</p> <p>Items to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • align with school improvement plan • include behavioral interventions • administer to students and families • Need an incentive to increase participation. Class and individual incentives. • Offer survey in paper and electronic format. <p>Brainstorm items to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity • Safety (physical and emotional safety) • Academics (challenging and engaging) • Happy

Future Agenda Items	Review survey results and set goals for next academic year.
Upcoming Meetings	The School Council will meet once a month at 7:45 a.m. in the 5th grade classroom. The next meeting will take place in June.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Frenette