

School Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013
7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Members of the Council:	<p>Lisa Desjarlais: Pelham School principal Suzanne Quinlan: Classroom teacher, grade 5 (not in attendance) Deborah Jacque: Classroom teacher, kindergarten Sarah Frenette: Pelham School parent Doreen Redi: Pelham School Parent Ron Mannino: Community Volunteer</p>
Meeting Minute Takers for the Year	<p>October: Sarah November: Ron December: Suzanne January: Lisa February: Doreen March: Sarah April: Ron May: Suzanne June: Sarah</p>
Spring 2013 Survey data review	<p>Survey data from district wide survey was reviewed prior to the meeting. This allowed the council to engage in a conversation about the themes, strengths and areas of continued focus that emerged from a careful review of the data.</p> <p>Results should be used to inform the school improvement plan</p> <p>90 percent say children enjoy going to school About 33 percent of all families responded</p> <p>Recurring themes: Need for increased focus on diversity, home-school communication and family engagement</p> <p>Discussion of communication and engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of spring conferences is felt by teachers and parents alike Workshops that are academic in nature are wanted by families • Enlist support from Rhonda and Ian • Is there a way to offer pdps to teachers that are involved in planning and delivering this outreach? • PLC around family engagement culminating in family event with teacher presence and reflection was one possible idea to engage teachers in the work. • More face to face time with teachers is wanted by parents <p>Website needs updating in terms of contact information under classes tab- contact info tab is up to date New website coming with teacher pages to enhance communication</p>

<p>School Improvement Plan</p>	<p>The council had an opportunity to quickly review a draft of the 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan prior to the meeting. The SIP is a fluid document and revisions are made as necessary throughout the school year. The current plan has four goals, with a number of strategies/actions listed under each goal. These four main headings correlate with the state educator evaluation standards which is referenced throughout the document.</p> <p>The school improvement plan will be presented to the Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee on October 22nd, as it was last year.</p> <p>The council reviewed the mission statement and made a decision to add some language about the ways in which diversity is celebrated at Pelham School.</p> <p>Goal 1 of SIP: ~Add early literacy focus- What are the pieces that need to be in place? How is this communicated to teachers and others? What does this mean for PD? A scope and sequence is needed, with aligned resources. ~Change name of book closet to leveled literacy resource center, and enlist parent support in leveling and organizing the print resources ~Data and Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~Add focus on new literacy assessment • ~Assessment and planning cycle should be highlighted in relation to the formative assessment goal • ~Aimsweb has replaced map in k and 1, rcbm in grade 2 and 3, reading comprehension in 4,5,6. ~New data warehouse for MCAS, spring assessments, fall data. • ~Training in data wise for Lisa. • ~Progress monitoring. ~How is data shared with parents? <p>Goal 3 of SIP: Articulate code of discipline and consistent consequences that are developmentally appropriate. Shared understanding of response when children are not meeting behavioral expectations.</p>
<p>Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>School Improvement Plan Response to Survey Data related to Diversity, Home-School Communication and Family Engagement</p>
<p>Upcoming Meetings</p>	<p>The School Council will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in Lisa Desjarlais office. The November meeting will take place on November 6, 2013.</p>

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Frenette

