

School Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014
7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Members of the Council:	<p>Lisa Desjarlais: Pelham School principal Suzanne Quinlan: Classroom teacher, grade 5 Deborah Jacque: Classroom teacher, kindergarten Sarah Frenette: Pelham School parent Doreen Reid: Pelham School parent Ron Mannino: Community volunteer</p>
Meeting Minute Takers for the Year	<p>October: Sarah November: Ron December: Doreen January: Deb February: Suzanne March: Lisa April: Ron May: Sarah June: Doreen</p>
School Improvement Plan	<p>Pelham School will create a School Improvement Plan (SIP) that aligns with the format of the District Improvement Plan. This plan will have 3 main goal areas, and family engagement will be incorporated into each of the goals. The 3 areas are: providing engaging and inclusive instruction in every classroom, aligning curriculum with standards and evidence-based practices, ensuring a positive classroom and school-wide climate for every student.</p> <p>The School Council will present the SIP at the November School Committee meeting. In the past, the SIP has been presented to the District School Committee. There has been a shift away from that model this year. The School Council has been asked to review the current draft of the document, with particular attention paid to the ways in which the strategies align with the 3 larger goal areas. In addition, responses to the school survey and technology survey should be considered. The committee will meet in two weeks to incorporate feedback from all group members.</p>
School Survey Data	<p>Quantitative results from the spring 2014 survey were shared with the group. We noted that the response rate improved to 63 respondents with this administration. A quick review did not reveal any significant themes. Each committee member will review the results thoroughly and keep this information in mind when considering the goals of the SIP.</p>
Technology Survey Data	<p>Tom Fanning, new technology teacher at Pelham Elementary School, distributed a technology survey to teachers in the school. Eight teachers responded. The survey was designed to collect information about student</p>

	skills, teacher skills and teacher's immediate needs. The immediate need reflected in the data is a need for professional development with the Mimio board. Survey results will be used by Tom to plan for this year.
Other	<p>1) Teachers discussed the number of new initiatives represented in the SIP and expected of teachers in the district. There is new curriculum in science, social studies, second step and phonics. Math is in the second year of implementation. Kindergarten teachers are using a new assessment/observation system. Classrooms now have Mimio Boards. Teachers are hopeful that they will have an opportunity to use the 6 early release days on Wednesdays this year to engage in building-based professional development that is individualized and aligned with needs identified by each teacher.</p> <p>Lisa Desjarlais will work with teachers and ask for input about how to best use faculty meeting time this academic year to support the development of each teacher in the building.</p> <p>2) Pelham School will host Family Math Night on November 19th. Students and families will be invited to an evening event at the school to explore ways in which math learning can be supported at home. Education students and faculty from Mount Holyoke College and teachers and staff from Pelham School will plan the event together. The PTO will be asked to provide pizza and drinks for all in attendance, as they did for Family Literacy Night last spring.</p>
Meetings for the 2014-15 School Year	October 8, October 23, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3
Future Agenda Items	School Improvement Plan
Upcoming Meetings	The School Council will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in Lisa Desjarlais office. The next meeting will take place on October 23, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Frenette