

School Council Notes

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

**Present:** Lisa Desjarlais (Principal), Sarah Frenette (parent), Deborah Jacque (teacher), Suzanne Quinlan (teacher), Virginia Servos (teacher), Mike Hayes (parent, note-taker), Doreen Reid (parent).

- 1) Survey data
  - a. School Council will add on questions specific to Pelham in May meeting.
  
- 2) Conversation re: the autonomy of Pelham Elementary School from decisions central office. For example: overnight field trips, nut ban, lockstep curriculum, .....
  - a. School council members all expressed a desire to have more conversation at the Pelham community level when decisions are made at the central office level.
  - b. We will try to reflect this in the school improvement plan.
  
- 3) Family Literacy night
  - a. Many appreciative comments from parents were shared.
  - b. Lenny reached out and was able to get a family to come that would not have otherwise.
  - c. Next year – need to be aware of timing relative to what is happening with afterschool.
  
- 4) School Improvement Plan –
  - a. Add a column of rationale and data goal.
    - i. There was a discussion about needing to be cautious about how we are using data. For example:
      1. How reliable is the data we use (such as AIMS web).
      2. Not wanting it to become another burden on the teachers where they have to defend their work.
  - b. Add into executive summary improvements from previous year and highlights of school so that the document will not be solely focused on what needs to be improved.
  - c. I.A unable to do it with the loss of Wednesdays. There is a hope to be able to do this next year. Sarah shared she may have students who can support these efforts through an independent study next year. **This goal will stay in.**
  - d. I.B. Will be worked on this year in the spring. AIMS web data. **Will stay in with revised language to include the new emphasis on phonics.**

We adjourned at 8:45 with a plan to pick back up with the SIP at the next meeting.