

Site Council Meeting

5/18/2020

Introductions

Ginger began by announcing some very sad news. A former ACCESS student (2019 graduate), Dylan Beckett's dad passed away over the weekend. Amy is suggesting a meal train, Grazia says a gift card/donation is in process, and Jane Anne says she will know more soon.

Present: Ginger Taylor, Gabriel Corona, Marc Zollinger, **Teachers:** Amy McBride, Kim Hultgren, Abigail Webb, Shiqin, Liao, **Parent Reps:** Tim Christy, Marian Berger, Jane Anne Peterson, Grazia Cunningham, **Visitors:** Tanya Schaefer, Fillard Spring-Rhyne, Michael Chen

Agenda:

- (1) February meeting notes approved. Comments: Guest Fillard Spring-Rhyne (fix spelling in last meeting notes).
- (2) **Site Council Membership:** With the current situation (digital learning, missed 2019-2020 meetings), Ginger proposes to keep current site council members on board. Marian, Marc Z, others agree. If a parent does not want to stay on Site Council, a vacancy would open and we would obviously fill that spot. Ginger questions: "Does anyone feel strongly about adding additional members?" No one does at this time.
- (3) **Successful Schools Survey:** Results are in but with distance learning and current situation, the staff has not been able to discuss those results. Virtual staff meetings have been focused on distance learning and meeting all students' needs. Ginger did share the student responses to the survey. Overall, favorable responses have increased. Ginger emailed the survey responses to Site Council.
 - (a) Student example question: "In this class, how excited are you to participate?" Engagement shows very positive results.
 - (b) Another question, among 4/5th graders, there was a decrease (17%) in a feeling of inclusion.
 - (c) Takeaway: It would be good to have conversations with staff and parents to discuss these results.
 - (d) **Discussion:** Grazia wonders how grade level groups were chosen to be surveyed. Families feel like communication is stronger between school and parents. Parents feeling better about school climate and environment. Marc is troubled by the "sense of belonging" piece and would like to dig into that.

- (i) **Teacher-student relationships:** is favorable up 15%, which is good, but could be better (Marc) Another possible issue/contributor to some of these responses probably has to do with having ACCESS split into two campuses (Ginger & Marc). Abigail discussing students' safety thoughts - wondering why students do not always feel that they belong. Amy questions the "sense of belonging" as in maybe not feeling part of the building versus not part of the community. Abigail points out belonging is compromised because kids travel to the school. Ginger suggests picking a date soon for teachers to discuss the belonging piece in upcoming distance homerooms. Abigail and teachers agree that this would be a great discussion. Suggestion to set a week and possible discussion questions for teachers. Gabriel suggests coming up with some specific questions as well. Amy discusses how it feels good that the survey results are very positive regarding student-teacher relationships at the middle school (especially in digital learning, that is good).
- (ii) **Parent Responses (to survey):** Grazia wonders if grade level is broken down. Jane Anne says tricky because many parents have multiple children attending at different grades. Mostly female respondents. Some responses were flat. Ginger points out that our elective offering is small and any after school activities are greatly limited because of transportation issues. Ginger wonders what area of growth we could focus on. Marian points out the positive growth is really good overall especially since parents are choosing to send their kids to ACCESS and so the fact that most are feeling positive growth, shows good for us.

(4) **Enrollment and Transfer and Lottery gender weighting:** Ginger explains the current enrollment and transfer data. Also discusses what supports may be needed for new students. PTA also has some events in the summer that may be able to happen. Abigail is talking about virtual community building options. Kim suggested digital trivia night and sounds like an option. Grazia suggests a virtual DnD or magic night. Grazia and Jane Anne are discussing opening up the Talent Show to prospective families. Maybe create a video montage of the talent show (a highlight video) instead of sharing the entire deal. Jane Anne discusses summer meet ups on a smaller scale (by grade, by high school cluster?) Ginger says that once we receive intention letters, Ginger and Gabriel will organize outreach opportunities. Looking at raw application data, Ginger anticipates a waitlist in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th? Discussion about the budget as well. There are so many unknowns that it is really tough to make schedules, budgets, etc.

The PPS School Board has a meeting tomorrow. Things may certainly change after that anyways. Even after the June 30th date, the budget will likely be changed. It will likely be a really messy summer regarding budget and staffing.

(a) this link is for all the board videos: <https://www.pps.net/Page/1791>

(b)

(5) Any other thoughts?

Ending at 4:52.

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Grazia Cunningham3:36 PM

Yes. Wonderful family.

Kimberly Hultgren3:40 PM

I am taking notes

Grazia Cunningham3:41 PM

Thanks Kim.

Grazia Cunningham3:42 PM

Mr. Lanners always looked mortified to be on stage. HA!

Timothy Christy3:47 PM

I agree

Grazia Cunningham3:47 PM

Sounds good to me.

Grazia Cunningham3:48 PM

Do the bylaws mention what to do in a pandemic?

Grazia Cunningham3:53 PM

I can't view them for some reason.

I got attachments but I can't open them.

Fillard Spring-Rhyne3:54 PM

Sorry for my connection problems, hope it's not a nuisance to whoever it is (GInger?) who's apparently having to reapprove me each time I reconnect. Also thanks for noticing and if necessary correcting the spelling of my name in February's minutes.

Marian Berger3:57 PM

I still don't see any attachments for the successful school survey. Is there a way to put them in the site council shared drive?

Grazia Cunningham3:57 PM

Marian-I just sent you the email with attachments

Amy McBride3:58 PM

I'll move them too

to shared folder

Marian Berger3:59 PM

Thx, Grazia! Got them now!

Kimberly Hultgren3:59 PM

Just FYI, you all should have access to the notes I am taking (in that same Site Council Shared Folder:

"ACCESS Site C: May"

Kimberly Hultgren4:09 PM

Abigail, Great idea to have an extra adult on board to take notes.

And Ginger, would be great to have one set week to have teachers do this along with maybe a few uniform questions to ask

Kimberly Hultgren4:16 PM

Grazia is getting her voice heard:)

Grazia Cunningham4:16 PM

too bad no one is listening :)

Amy McBride4:18 PM

DnD meets have been happeing!

Grazia Cunningham4:19 PM

Yes, true. Milan has been participating!

Amy McBride4:19 PM

That's awesome!

Grazia Cunningham4:19 PM

Area of growth: GETTING ONE LOCATION :)

Grazia Cunningham4:21 PM

my middle schooler loves his teachers :)

Marian Berger4:25 PM

Is everyone else able to see the google sheet lottery application attachment? It says I need permission to view . . . :-(

Grazia Cunningham4:26 PM

i like trivia night idea

Amy McBride4:27 PM

I'm able to view it, but can't share it with you- onl think Ginger has to

Kimberly Hultgren4:28 PM

Grazia, if you can find the contact info from Ely's school, that would be swell too. Just for options.

Kimberly Hultgren4:30 PM

Amy- Ditto. Ha

Devin had a "Magic" and DnD club one day a week, right? COuld we piggy back on that?

Grazia Cunningham4:32 PM

good point.

Grazia Cunningham4:34 PM

great idea kim!

Will do, Kim.

Tanya Schaefer4:40 PM

Abigail, it would be great if you could share that with access-academy-pta@googlegroups.com so the PTA Exec Board has your list.

Kimberly Hultgren4:41 PM

Will the possibility of digital learning in the fall affect those applications, do you think?

Fillard Spring-Rhyne4:44 PM

YouTube channel mentioned earlier: <https://www.pps.net/Domain/3753> "Distance Learning" link -->

<https://www.pps.net/domain/5999> "MS YouTube Channel" link -->

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3iyftycQl9xM4CXqpoGnw>

Abigail Webb4:47 PM

grazia - have F make another appointment!

Grazia Cunningham4:48 PM

Dahlia loves being taught at home!

Kimberly Hultgren4:48 PM

If we knew it was going to be a hybrid, could it change enrollment/acceptance at least at the middle school? (Like could we take all those 7th graders?)

Grazia Cunningham4:49 PM

that makes sense kim. i think that might be something admin can bring up with e&t.

You4:51 PM

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Grazia Cunningham4:51 PM

Bye! Thanks!

Timothy Christy4:51 PM

Thanks