

Woodland School Council
MEETING NOTES
April 1, 2019
2:30

Note taker: Christy O'Brien
Facilitator: Jen Faber

Attendance: Jennifer Faber, Kate Bonsignore, Emma Kwon, Jill Looney, Michelle Raymond, Karen Rietze, Onika Jenkins and Christy O'Brien

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from February 4, 2019 school council meeting.
2. Discussed how much staff enjoyed the staff appreciation lunch. Taco bar was a big hit, and teachers would like to have a taco bar again next year, if possible.
3. Discussed how much fun Bingo night was and how next year it would be good to have it on a Thursday around the same date, because it's between winter and spring sports seasons. Thus more people were able to come.
4. Parent Coffees: Jen explained that we typically have three parent coffees per year, and she gets the coffee topics from conversations with faculty and parents. Usually Jen does one coffee with parents and faculty, and a safety coffee with Country. This year, Jen also did an Introduction of New Faces and a Core Values coffee. Jen asked for other coffee ideas, and the Council came up with the following ideas:
 - a) Carrie Dyball discussing common social emotional issues affecting elementary school age children;
 - b) soft skills that students lack such as risk taking, resilience, problem solving, self advocacy, internal motivation and grit;
 - c) equity and inclusion;
 - d) Nurse Joe and common medical issues affecting elementary age children;
 - e) mindfulness; and
 - f) invite WEEFC to do a coffee explaining their organization and its needs.
5. School Improvement Plan Planning: We are working on the existing plan by taking out things that are complete and adding things that need to be done. We will follow the district's three strategic objectives of:
 - a) strengthening educational practices in order to promote intellectual stretch;
 - b) fostering students' well-being in order to develop their emotional resiliency and intellectual curiosity; and

c) championing a school community committed to cultural competency, trust, and mutual respect to prepare students to be citizens of the world.

With regard to these objectives, we discussed the implementation of the instructional coach model, the learning walk throughs completed this year and the plan to do learning walk throughs next year related to social and emotional learning. We also discussed the implementation of data teams which is happening at the grade level now and will continue through next year as the program, Data Wise, out of Harvard is implemented. The K-2 Writing program has been implemented, and implementation of a K-2 reading program is being considered. The goals of closing the achievement gap and professional development are ongoing. We also discussed the Woodland School Values of kindness, safety and learning.

6. Art Day is planned for 4/12/19 and a school photo is also planned for that day.
7. Next School Council meeting will be held on May 6, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.